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**McMorris Rodgers Honored for Working to Strengthen American Businesses**

(Washington, D.C.) The U.S. Chamber of Commerce recently recognized Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers with the “Spirit of Enterprise Award.” The Chamber gives the award to members of Congress who support policies that improve trade, investment and transportation.

“The business community depends on solid partnerships on Capitol Hill to help grow the economy and create new jobs for hardworking Americans,” Chamber president and CEO Tom Donahue said. “Representative McMorris Rodgers has proven to be an effective ally to the business community, supporting legislation that helps grow the economy and creates new jobs for hardworking Americans.”

“I am honored to receive the award,” McMorris Rodgers said. “Promoting job creation and economic growth in Eastern Washington is one of my top priorities. But we need to do more. Improving our Eastern Washington infrastructure—the roads, rails, airports and even broadband access—will allow for the fast, efficient and safe flow of traffic freight and information.

“Also, an affordable source of energy is important to maintaining a strong economy. It’s time Congress develops a comprehensive energy policy. We can and we must start meeting American energy needs with American resources. In addition, increasing access to quality, affordable health care and improving our education system to help make our nation more competitive will help strengthen Eastern Washington businesses.”

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