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Upton Announces Additional Staff Changes at Energy and Commerce

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI), incoming Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, today announced additional staff hires and promotions for the Energy and Commerce Committee. Upton previously named Gary Andres as Staff Director and made a first round of staff announcements in late December.

"I am thrilled with the impressive team we have for the Energy and Commerce Committee - some are continuing their service while others are returning to public service at this most important time," said Upton. "Their knowledge and expertise will be critical as Energy and Commerce takes the lead to foster a new era of job growth, repeal the budget-busting health law, fight rampant regulations, fortify our energy security, cut spending, and reduce the size of government."

Michael Bloomquist - Deputy General Counsel

Bloomquist returns to the Committee from Wiley Rein LLP where he was a partner in the International Trade and Policy groups. While in private practice he worked on energy, environmental, and climate matters. In addition to his prior service on the Committee, Bloomquist's government experience includes working for the then Committee on Science, and in the Office of the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Todd Harrison - Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Harrison previously served as a state and federal prosecutor in New York, in which capacity he tried over forty cases, including terrorism and capital cases. Harrison served in the U.S. Department of Justice for nearly six years as a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of New York, most recently as the deputy chief of the Violent Crimes and Terrorism Section. Previously, Mr. Harrison served as an assistant district attorney for five years in the New York County District Attorney's Office under Robert M. Morgenthau. For the last three years, Harrison has been a white collar criminal defense attorney in New York with the law firm of Patton Boggs LLP.

David McCarthy - Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

McCarthy served as Republican Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment from 2006 through 2008. He has staffed various House Committees dating from the 1980s. In the interim he has practiced law and headed the Washington offices for a Midwest energy company and an alternative fuel company.

John O'Shea, M.D. - Senior Health Policy Advisor

O'Shea comes to the Committee with over 20 years experience as a practicing surgeon. He

received a Masters in Public Administration with a focus on Health Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2006. Following graduation from the Kennedy School, he was the Harvard Graduate Fellow in health policy at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC. He has worked on a number of health care issues, including the Medicare physician payment system, quality and access in the Medicaid program, the delivery of emergency medical services, medical malpractice and the effects of health care reform on the patient-doctor relationship. He also has a Graduate Degree in the History and Sociology of Science from the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied the history of health care policy in the United States.

Julie Goon - Senior Health Policy Advisor

Goon served as Special Assistant to President George W. Bush for Economic Policy at the National Economic Council (NEC) from 2006 to 2009, and was responsible for the NEC's health care portfolio including entitlement programs (Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP), health care access issues, transparency in pricing and quality, and health information technology. Goon joined the NEC from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services where she served as Director of Medicare Outreach and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Goon joins the Committee from General Electric where she has been Director of healthymagination, GE's cross-business initiative built on a global commitment to reduce costs, improve quality and expand access through innovation and partnership.

Jeff Mortier - Professional Staff Member

Mortier joins the Committee after spending the past five years on the staff of Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY), where he served as a Senior Policy Advisor and focused on health care and telecommunications policy.

Andy Duberstein - Special Assistant to the Chairman

Duberstein joins the Committee after 18 months in the office of Congressman Michael N. Castle (R-DE). Andy attended Franklin & Marshall College, graduating with a degree in Government and a minor in Economics. Additionally, from 2003 to 2004, Andy served as a Page in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Charlotte Savercool – Special Assistant to the Staff Director

Savercool joins the Committee after a five month internship in Majority Leader Eric Cantor's office. A recent graduate of Virginia Tech, Savercool previously interned in Leader Cantor's office in the summer of 2008 and also completed an internship in the Office of Environment and Energy at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The following individuals will continue their service on the Committee in new capacities for the 112th Congress:

Alan Slobodin - Chief Investigative Counsel, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Slobodin has served on the Committee since 1995, including as Senior Oversight Counsel under Chairman Tom Bliley (R-VA), Deputy Chief Counsel for Oversight and Investigations under Chairmen Billy Tauzin (R-LA) and Joe Barton (R-TX), and Republican Chief Counsel for Oversight and Investigations under Ranking Member Joe Barton. Previously, he served on the House Committee on the Judiciary and worked for the Washington Legal Foundation.

Mary Neumayr – Senior Energy Counsel

Prior to joining the Committee, Neumayr served as Deputy General Counsel for Environment and Nuclear Programs at the U.S. Department of Energy (2006-2009), and as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division at the U.S. Department of Justice (2003-2006).

Jerry Couri – Senior Environmental Policy Advisor

Couri's tenure on the Committee dates back to the 107th Congress. During that time, he has focused primarily on issues falling within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy. He has worked on the Solid Waste Disposal Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Superfund, the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Security Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act. He continues regulatory oversight of these laws. Prior to serving at the Committee, Couri handled environmental issues related to the Committee in the personal offices of the late Congressman Paul Gillmor (R-OH) and Congressman Scott Klug (R-WI).

Garret Golding – Professional Staff Member

Golding, who first joined the Committee in 2006, will continue his service working on oil and gas issues for the Subcommittee on Energy and Power. Golding earned his undergraduate degree at Baylor University and will complete a masters degree at the Naval War College this summer.

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