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Barton Statement on Steering Committee Decision

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, ranking member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, today made the following statement on the Republican Steering Committee's decision on the committee's chairmanship:

"It has been a privilege to serve on the Energy and Commerce Committee for 24 of my 26 years in the House of Representatives, and it was a high honor to lead this committee.

"Now I want to offer my congratulations to Fred, who is taking over the best committee in Congress. He has an enormous job ahead, and I'm going to do everything I know how to make his chairmanship the kind of success that the American people want and expect."

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