Women's Policy, Inc. Congressional

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 Union Station, East Hall Washington, DC **The Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues** was founded on April 19, 1977, by a small, bipartisan group of Congresswomen who gathered in a room in the U.S. Capitol to discuss the problem of spousal abuse. In the years that followed, the ever-increasing numbers of women elected to Congress have continued to meet to discuss and act on a wide range of issues affecting women and their families. The bipartisan spirit and cooperation reflected in the Caucus leadership continues today.

Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

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Welcoming the new women Members of the 112th Congress and the new leadership of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Welcome

ALICE BORRELLI Board Chair Women's Policy, Inc. CINDY HALL President Women's Policy, Inc.

Keynote Speaker

THE HONORABLE HILDA L. SOLIS Secretary Department of Labor

Women's Caucus Legislative Agenda for the 112th Congress Introduction of the new Caucus leadership and new women Members

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Speakers

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The Honorable Hilda L. Solis Secretary, Department of Labor

Secretary Hilda L. Solis was confirmed as Secretary of Labor on February 24, 2009. She works to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of wage earners, job seekers, and retirees; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights. Prior to her confirmation, Secretary Solis represented the 32nd District in California from 2001 – 2009, where she focused on expanding access to affordable health care, protecting the environment, and improving the lives of working families. She authored the Green Jobs Act, which provided funding for "green" collar job training.

Co-Chairs, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Rep. Cynthia Lummis

Rep. Cynthia Lummis is serving her second term representing Wyoming-At-Large. She serves on the Appropriations Committee. Taxation issues and protecting natural resources are among her top priorities in Congress.

Rep. Gwen Moore

Rep. Gwen Moore is serving her fourth term representing the 4th district of Wisconsin. She serves on the Financial Services and Budget Committees. Rep. Moore has championed protections and services for battered women and efforts to overhaul our nation's welfare system.

Vice-Chairs, Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler is serving her first term representing the 3rd district of Washington. She serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure, and Small Business Committees. Rep. Herrera Beutler has advocated for job creation, affordable health care, and tax relief.

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz is serving her 4th term representing the 20th district of Florida. She serves on the Budget and Judiciary Committees. Rep. Wasserman Schultz has been a leader on women's health and child protection issues.

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