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Rep. Reichert Named Chairman of Subcommittee on Trade

Washington, DC – Today, U.S. Congressman Dave Reichert (R-WA) made the following statement after being named as the new Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade. Congressman Reichert will also serve as the second-highest ranking Republican on the newly re-named Subcommittee on Tax Policy, formerly the Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee, and will rejoin the Human Resources Subcommittee, where he formerly served as Chairman during the 113th Congress.

“I am very honored to have the opportunity to lead the Trade Subcommittee and champion some of the issues that have the greatest impact on Washingtonians. Washington State is one of the most trade-dependent states in the country with 40 percent of our jobs and more than $90 billion in annual exports connected to trade. In the Eighth District alone, 77,100 jobs are supported by trade, and our growers, producers, and businesses export approximately $8.6 billion in goods and services each year,” said Rep. Reichert. “With the release of the text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership and our ongoing negotiations with the EU, this is a critical time for trade. As a long-time advocate of expanding trade opportunities, I will continue fighting on behalf of our workers, farmers, and businesses across the country, because I firmly believe through high-standard trade agreements we see expanded opportunities for all.”

“I am also pleased to continue my work updating and reforming our tax code as the Chairman Emeritus and second in seniority on the Tax Policy Subcommittee. Ensuring that our tax code helps families keep more of their hard-earned money and allows small businesses to thrive is a top priority for our nation. Additionally, I am returning to the Human Resources Subcommittee where I look forward to continuing the work I began when I chaired the subcommittee last Congress to protect children and those who are most vulnerable in society.”

Related Information:

Rep. Reichert is the first Member of Congress from Washington State to serve as Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade.
Rep. Reichert is co-chair of the Friends of TPP Caucus, member of the President’s Export Council, and founder of the Congressional Freight Caucus.

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