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## **NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO ATTEND HARVARD CONGRESSIONAL ISSUES CONFERENCE**

Cambridge, MA – Thirty-six incoming Congressional freshmen from states across the country will gather at Harvard University’s Institute of Politics this week for an issues conference on exercising leadership in Congress and being effective lawmakers in Washington, D.C.

“We are very excited to welcome so many new members of Congress to Harvard,” said Institute of Politics Director Jeanne Shaheen, former Governor of New Hampshire (1997-2003). “This seminar gives new members of Congress a great opportunity to gain important insights from current and former Representatives, academics, and key U.S. policymakers.”

The 17<sup>th</sup> biennial Program for Newly Elected Members of Congress will run from Tuesday evening, November 28 through Friday afternoon, December 1 at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government. The new members of Congress will participate in a variety of sessions, led by academics, practitioners, and current and former members of the U.S. House. Topics will include the federal budget, energy and national security, terrorism, and numerous other individual policy matters.

Participating newly elected members of Congress include Jason Altmire (PA-4), Michael Arcuri (NY-24), Nancy Boyda (KS-2), Bruce Braley (IA-1), Vern Buchanan (FL-13), Chris Carney (PA-10), Kathy Castor (FL-11), Yvette Clarke (NY-11), Steve Cohen (TN-9), Joe Courtney (CT-2), Joe Donnelly (IN-2), Keith Ellison (MN-5), Brad Ellsworth (IN-8), Kirsten Gillibrand (NY-20), John Hall (NY-19), Philip Hare (IL-17), Baron Hill (IN-9), Mazie Hirono (HI-2), Paul Hodes (NH-2), Hank Johnson (GA-4), Steve Kagen (WI-8), Ron Klein (FL-22), David Loebsack (IA-2), Tim Mahoney (FL-16), Jerry McNerney (CA-11), Harry Mitchell (AZ-5), Patrick Murphy (PA-8), John Sarbanes (MD-3), Carol Shea-Porter (NH-1), Albio Sires (NJ-13), Zack Space (OH-18), Betty Sutton (OH-13), Tim Walz (MN-1), Peter Welch (VT-At Large), Charlie Wilson (OH-6), and John Yarmuth (KY-3).

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