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### [Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers Named Chair of House Energy & Commerce Committee](#)



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PNWA is very pleased to report that Congresswoman [Cathy McMorris Rodgers](#) (R, WA-5) has been selected as the Chair of the House Energy & Commerce [Committee](#) for the 118th Congress. The committee has jurisdiction over issues including energy, environment, technology, broadband, security, health care, and more.

Following the announcement, Chair McMorris Rodgers stated, "Energy and Commerce has a rich history of building consensus to plow the hard ground necessary to legislate. That legacy will continue under my leadership. Serving as chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee is a great honor with great responsibility. I am grateful to my colleagues for placing their trust in me to lead on behalf of Eastern Washington and the entire country. Let's get to work."

Chair McMorris Rodgers was first elected to the House in 2004 and prioritizes energy independence, rural communities, bridging the digital divide, and was instrumental in protecting the multi-purpose Lower Snake River Dams. She previously served as Chair of the House Republican Conference from 2012 to 2018 and as Ranking Member of the House Energy & Commerce Committee in the 117th Congress. PNWA congratulates the Congresswoman on her selection, and looks forward to working with her in this leadership role.

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***[Register now!](#)***

**PNWA 2023 Mission to  
Washington  
March 19-23  
*The Mayflower Hotel***



Registration is now open for our first *in-person* Mission to Washington in three years! The [PNWA Mission to Washington](#) is our signature event, and your participation is more important than ever before as we work to highlight our Northwest priorities in the nation's capital. We'll meet with agency leaders, industry insiders, colleagues from the Hill and the entire Northwest Congressional delegation to provide our input on 2023's key policy and project priorities. This event is the perfect time to highlight the PNWA agenda for our national colleagues, and deliver your own messages from the Northwest.

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