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Rep. Hahn Kicks-Off Ports 101 Event

Hahn: "Our nation's ports connect people and business from across the Country"

Washington, D.C. – This afternoon, Congresswoman Janice Hahn (CA-36) spoke at an event held by the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and discussed the importance of our nation’s ports and the direction of the bipartisan PORTS Caucus. The overflow event in the Rayburn House office building was also attended by Co-Chair of the PORTS Caucus Congressman Ted Poe, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, Congressman John Barrow, and Congresswoman Susan Davis.

“Ports deserve a place in our national dialogue, and when I came to Congress last year they didn’t have one,” explained Rep. Hahn. “The PORTS Caucus is here to educate Members of Congress on the importance of our ports to our economy and national security. Ports impact every Congressional District in the country, and it’s time that we give them the recognition they deserve.”

“America’s ports are critical to our national security and economic security,” said Rep. Poe. “Every single home in America is impacted by goods that come through one of our nation’s ports. I look forward to working with Congresswoman Hahn and the rest of the caucus to raise awareness and educate other members about the major issues affecting ports in the United States.”

The Ports Opportunity Renewal, Trade and Security (PORTS) Caucus is a bipartisan congressional caucus dedicated to the economic success and security of America's ports. The caucus was formed last year by Congresswoman Janice Hahn of California and Congressman Ted Poe of Texas and at present has 42 members representing 19 states and 2 territories.

"Ports are an engine of economic growth and jobs in this country," noted Rep. Hahn. "The 350 commercial sea and river ports in the U.S. move \$3.8 billion worth of goods each and every day and support 13.3 million jobs. Our ports are also a key partner for our small businesses, which I believe are the foundation of our economic recovery. As a member of the Homeland Security and Small Business Committee I am eager to build that connection."

"The role that seaports play to the economy cannot be overstated, especially in these difficult economic times," said Kurt Nagle, President and CEO of the AAPA who gave the Ports 101 presentation this afternoon. "Nearly everything we buy or consume – everything from the clothes we wear, to the foods we eat, to the coffee we start our day with – comes to us on a ship, through one of our nation's seaports."

The PORTS Caucus is composed of Members from all regions of the country, including Representatives: **Janice Hahn (CA), Ted Poe (TX)**, Adam Smith (WA), Jesse Jackson Jr. (IL), Bennie Thompson (MS), Bob Filner (CA), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (FL), Blake Farenthold (TX), Henry Waxman (CA), Charles Boustany (LA), Kathy Castor (FL), Sheila Jackson Lee (TX), George Miller (CA), Bill Cassidy (LA), Colleen Hanabusa (HI), Russ Carnahan (MO), Cedric Richmond (LA), Allen West (FL), Silvestre Reyes (TX), Bill Keating (MA), Hank Johnson (GA), Tim Scott (SC), John Barrow (GA), Steve Palazzo (MS), Albio Sires (NJ), Barbara Lee (CA), Stephen Lynch (MA), Mike McIntyre (NC), Bobby Scott (VA), Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA), Pete Olson (TX), Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (NMI), Dennis Kucinich (OH), Marsha Blackburn (TN), Dennis Ross (FL), Madeline Bordallo (GU), Tim Bishop (NY), Candice Miller (MI), and Peter DeFazio (OR), Duncan Hunter (CA), Gary Miller (CA), Grace Napolitano (CA), and Susan Davis (CA).

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