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Congressional PORTS Caucus

Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade, and Security

Congressman Ted Poe (R-TX) and Congresswoman Janice Hahn (D-CA) recently announced the formation of the bipartisan Congressional Ports Opportunity, Renewal, Trade, and Security (PORTS) Caucus. The Caucus was created in recognition of the vital role our ports play to the preservation of our nation's economy and national security.

Mission of the Caucus

The Caucus' mission will be to promote the importance of our ports to the nation's economy and the need to secure them by promoting dialogue and coordination between Congress, the Administration and relevant federal agencies, as well as important industry officials.

Why Ports are Important to the United States

Ports create jobs, economic growth, and opportunity. United States ports support 13.3 million jobs and account for \$3.15 trillion in business activity to the economy. Every congressional district in the country is dependent on U.S. ports, from the products on store shelves to the technology in our living rooms. Ports allow businesses, large and small, access to markets around the world and the opportunity to grow and create new American jobs.

The United States is served by more than 350 commercial sea and river ports that support 3,200 cargo and passenger handling facilities. Each day, United States ports move both imports and exports totaling some \$3.8 billion worth of goods through all 50 states. Additionally, ports move 99.4 percent of overseas cargo volume by weight and generate \$3.95 trillion in international trade. Given the importance of ports to our national economy, they must remain competitive and secure.

Caucus Members

The Caucus is composed of Members from all regions of the country, including Representatives: **Ted Poe (TX), Janice Hahn (CA)**, Adam Smith (WA), Jesse Jackson Jr. (IL), Bennie Thompson (CA), 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 (Northern Mariana Islands), Dennis Kucinich (OH), Marsha Blackburn (TN), Dennis Ross (FL), Candice Miller (MI), Peter DeFazio (OR), Duncan Hunter (CA), Gary Miller (CA), Grace Napolitano (CA), Susan Davis (CA), Linda Sanchez (CA), Michael McCaul (TX), Donna Christensen (USVI), Joe Walsh (IL), Gene Green (TX), Jerry McNerney (CA), Pete Stark (CA), Brian Bilbray (CA), Louise Slaughter (NY), Charlie Rangel (NY), Rick Larsen (WA), Alcee Hastings (FL), Michael Grimm (NY), Dutch Ruppersberger (MD), Markey (MA), Nadler (NY), Fudge (OH), Wittman (VA), Bonamici (WA), Dold (IL), Kaptur (OH)

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