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Congressional Group to Promote Grain Production

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Pat Roberts and Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the formation of the Congressional Grains Caucus (CGC). The Congressional Grains Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral coalition of members who are working on behalf of grain producers and the domestic grains industry. Congressman Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) and Moran will be the co-chairmen for the CGC in the House of Representatives. Senators Pat Roberts and Max Baucus (D-MT) will be the co-chairmen for the CGC in the Senate.

"Grains are an important part of our economy and diet," Moran said. "With the establishment of the Congressional Grains Caucus, we will work to develop a strong voice in Congress to promote grains in the domestic and international markets. This will bring more jobs, more business and better prosperity to Kansas."

The working group will focus on reviewing market and technical concerns, developing strategies to address those concerns, and supporting initiatives that will help the grain industry to improve market access. The caucus will also work to expand export markets.

"Kansas has long been known as the wheat state," Roberts said. "As such, I am honored to be joining Congressman Moran in continuing our long standing support of the wheat industry in Kansas - from producer to consumer."

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