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Allows Moran to Study Law Enforcement Issues in Kansas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that former Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Director Larry Welch will be serving as a congressional fellow in his office this fall. During August and September, Moran and Welch will conduct meetings with all levels of law enforcement - from sheriffs and city police officers in Kansas to leaders of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, D.C.

"I have worked closely with Director Welch during my time in Congress, as he led the fight against the production and use of methamphetamine in Kansas," Moran said. "The director was an innovative head of the KBI, gaining national attention for his methods of combating meth in Kansas. I look to his extensive knowledge and experience to help me learn more about the current challenges facing law enforcement in our state. We need cooperation between federal, state and local officials in the fight to preserve our way of life."

"Kansas law enforcement has long taken Jerry Moran's support of our efforts and concern for our issues for granted," Welch said. "It is a testament to Moran's care for this state that he would work so diligently to learn more about the challenges facing Kansas law enforcement. It is a privilege to be of assistance to Congressman Moran in his unending efforts to help Kansas law enforcement combat drugs and methamphetamine."

Throughout his time in Congress, Moran has been a leader in the fight against methamphetamine. As a member of the Congressional Meth Caucus, Moran has worked to obtain millions of dollars in federal funding to assist in the prevention of production and the treatment for use of meth in Kansas. More recently, Moran helped secure funding in the U.S. House of Representatives for the Rural Kansas Methamphetamine Program to target the importation of meth, as well as funding for ballistic vests to replace outdated gear currently used by KBI personnel.

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