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OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE RECOGNIZES SAFETY AND HEALTH FOCUS FOR CAPITOL HILL WORKFORCE Members of the 114th to Receive Safety Recognition Awards

Washington, DC - Capitol Hill offices are substantially safer places to work than in the past, according to safety and health specialists of the Congressional Office of Compliance.

“Members are setting an important example that they will live by the safety laws that they passed to protect office workers,” said Susan Tsui Grundmann, recently appointed Executive Director of the Office of Compliance.

The Office of Compliance is a non-partisan, neutral, and independent office established to administer and enforce safety laws and workplace rights in Congress, much like the Department of Labor and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission do for the private sector and executive branch.

“The need for the Congressional Accountability Act was obvious as soon as we started visiting offices 20 years ago,” said John D. Uelmen, General Counsel of the Office of Compliance. “We’re seeing real improvement. Everyone is moving forward together on this. Offices that were once fire hazards have emergency action plans, clear exits, and working alarms because of the cooperation.”

Grundmann and Uelmen credit heightened awareness about important safety laws to the safety and legal staff of the House and Senate, the Library of Congress, the United States Capitol Police (USCP) and the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). “There are many people who contribute to our inspection program and we count on them to get the word out about workplace safety,” said Uelmen.

The Office of Compliance will partner with the National Safety Council on April 6, 2017, to present Safety Recognition Awards to the Senators and Representatives who maintained hazard-free offices during the 114th Congress. The 157 Members (69 Senators and 88 Representatives) who achieved Safety Recognition Awards represent a dramatic increase since 2006 when only seven Members received the first awards. The Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance restored the safety recognition awards after a hiatus to promote safety and accessibility awareness on Capitol Hill.

“The lawmakers recognized today have truly brought safety into their workplaces,” said Deborah A.P. Hersman, president and CEO of the National Safety Council. “I applaud their commitment to keeping their staff and visitors safe.”

In addition to Member awards, Senator Jon Tester will present two Safety Advocate Awards to legislative branch employees who exhibited exceptional support of safety processes and hazard-reduction efforts during the 114th Congress. The Safety Advocate Awards will be presented to Kurt Kuhn, safety manager

for the LOC and posthumously to Francis “Mo” Mowbray, AOC safety manager for the Library of Congress Buildings and Grounds.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building. For more information on the Office of Compliance, please visit www.compliance.gov and @LegBranch_OOC.

The award recipients:

Sen. Lamar Alexander	Rep. Tom Graves	Rep. Pete Olson
Sen. John Barrasso	Rep. Al Green	Sen. Rand Paul
Sen. Michael F. Bennet	Rep. Gene Green	Sen. David Perdue
Rep. Ami Bera	Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez	Sen. Gary C. Peters
Rep. Marsha Blackburn	Sen. Orrin G. Hatch	Rep. Scott H. Peters
Sen. Richard Blumenthal	Sen. Martin Heinrich	Rep. Collin C. Peterson
Sen. Cory A. Booker	Sen. Heidi Heitkamp	Fmr. Rep. Pedro R. Pierluisi
Rep. Madeleine Bordallo	Sen. Dean Heller	Rep. Chellie Pingree
Fmr. Sen. Barbara Boxer	Rep. Jody Hice	Rep. Ted Poe
Sen. Sherrod Brown	Rep. French Hill	Sen. Rob Portman
Rep. Larry Bucshon	Rep. James A. Himes	Rep. David E. Price
Rep. Michael C. Burgess	Sen. John Hoeven	Rep. Mike Quigley
Sen. Maria Cantwell	Rep. Bill Huizenga	Rep. Amata Coleman Radewagen
Rep. Michael E. Capuano	Rep. Randy Hultgren	Sen. Jack Reed
Rep. Tony Cardenas	Sen. Johnny Isakson	Fmr. Sen. Harry Reid
Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin	Fmr. Rep. Steve Israel	Fmr. Rep. Reid J. Ribble
Fmr. Rep. John C. Carney Jr.	Sen. Ron Johnson	Sen. Pat Roberts
Sen. Thomas R. Carper	Rep. Marcy Kaptur	Sen. Mike Rounds
Rep. Matthew Cartwright	Sen. Tim Kaine	Rep. Harold Rogers
Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr.	Rep. Derek Kilmer	Sen. Marco Rubio
Rep. Kathy Castor	Rep. Ron Kind	Rep. Raul Ruiz
Rep. David Cicilline	Sen. Angus King Jr.	Fmr. Rep. Matt Salmon
Rep. Tom Cole	Rep. Steve Knight	Rep. Linda Sanchez
Sen. Susan Collins	Sen. Amy Klobuchar	Rep. Steve Scalise
Rep. Gerald E. Connolly	Rep. Darin LaHood	Sen. Charles E. Schumer
Rep. Paul Cook	Rep. Leonard Lance	Rep. Austin Scott
Sen. Christopher Coons	Sen. James Lankford	Sen. Tim Scott
Sen. John Cornyn	Rep. James R. Langevin	Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr.
Sen. Mike Crapo	Rep. Rick Larsen	Rep. Jose E. Serrano
Rep. Henry Cuellar	Rep. Robert E. Latta	Fmr. Sen. Jefferson Sessions III
Rep. John A. Culberson	Sen. Patrick J. Leahy	Rep. Terri A. Sewell
Sen. Steve Daines	Sen. Mike Lee	Sen. Jeanne Shaheen
Rep. Danny K. Davis	Rep. Daniel Lipinski	Sen. Richard C. Shelby
Rep. Diana DeGette	Rep. Nita M. Lowey	Rep. John Shimkus
Rep. John K. Delaney	Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer	Rep. Jackie Speier
Rep. Theodore E. Deutch	Fmr. Rep. Cynthia M. Lummis	Sen. Debbie Stabenow
Sen. Joe Donnelly	Rep. Stephen F. Lynch	Rep. Elise M. Stefanik
Sen. Richard J. Durbin	Sen. Edward J. Markey	Fmr. Rep. Marlin A. Stutzman
Sen. Michael B. Enzi	Sen. John McCain	Sen. Dan Sullivan
Sen. Joni Ernst	Sen. Claire McCaskill	Sen. Jon Tester
Sen. Dianne Feinstein	Sen. Mitch McConnell	Sen. Thom Tillis
Fmr. Rep. Stephen Lee Fincher	Sen. Robert Menendez	Rep. Paul Tonko
Sen. Deb Fischer	Rep. Grace Meng	Rep. Norma J. Torres
Rep. Jeff Fortenberry	Sen. Jeff Merkley	Sen. Patrick J. Toomey
Rep. Virginia Foxx	Fmr. Sen. Barbara Mikulski	Sen. Tom Udall
Sen. Al Franken	Sen. Lisa Murkowski	Rep. Juan Vargas
Rep. Trent Franks	Sen. Christopher Murphy	Rep. Nydia M. Velazquez
Rep. Ruben Gallego	Rep. Tim Murphy	Rep. Tim Walberg
Sen. Kirsten E. Gillibrand	Sen. Bill Nelson	Rep. Greg Walden
Rep. Trey Gowdy	Rep. Dan Newhouse	Sen. Mark R. Warner
Sen. Chuck Grassley	Rep. Kristi L. Noem	Rep. Roger Williams
Rep. Sam Graves	Rep. Richard M. Nolan	Rep. Lee M. Zeldin
	Rep. Donald Norcross	