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AMASH SELECTED FOR OVERSIGHT LEADERSHIP

Mich. Representative Will Vice Chair Federal Workforce, Postal Subcommittee

Washington, D.C. – Representative Justin Amash (MI-03) has been selected for a leadership position on a subcommittee with oversight of federal workers and the Postal Service, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform announced this morning. Amash will become Vice Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy.

"I am honored to be selected for the Oversight Committee's leadership," said Amash. "The Committee will serve as taxpayers' watchdog against the federal government's waste, fraud, and abuse. In a time of historic bureaucratic expansion, Americans are demanding accountability from their government. I will ask their questions and make sure we get some answers."

Rep. Darrell Issa (CA-49) will chair the full committee, and Rep. Dennis Ross (FL-12) will chair the subcommittee.

Chairman Issa said, "The Postal Service faces a looming crisis, and we need serious federal workforce and labor policy reform right now or run the risk of yet another taxpayer bailout. The public sector can no longer grow at the expense of the private sector. Justin's proven leadership in the state house will prove instrumental in advancing an agenda that aims to meet the American people's expectation of a government that is efficient, transparent and accountable."

Amash continued, "As the unemployment rate hit 10 percent nationwide and nearly 15 percent in Michigan, the federal workforce continued to grow and see its wages increase. Americans suffering through this deep recession deserve to know whether their tax dollars are being spent wisely."

"USPS has raised its rates in the last several years and now is threatening steep service cuts. I look forward to examining closely whether some of USPS's functions could be done more efficiently through competition and the private sector," concluded Amash.

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