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"Sacramento has a unique perspective that I will bring to my new position. In many arenas, Sacramento is a leading example for many of the issues that the Committee will address. As a region, we are moving forward into a green future; my district houses cutting edge medical facilities; the health care industry is the second largest in the district; and, we are uniquely focused on trade and commerce in California," said Rep. Matsui.

"Every aspect of our national policy as we move forward will be intertwined, and I anticipate bringing the knowledge and expertise I have gained while serving on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to the table. Our energy policy will shape our transportation policy, and I am excited to bringing a transportation-focused perspective to the ground level of the process. Over the last three years, I have developed strong working relationships with my colleagues on the Transportation Committee that will serve me well in my new role," said Matsui.

"Some of the most critical challenges facing our Nation today will be addressed through this Committee, and I thank Speaker Pelosi and my colleagues for having faith in my capability to help find real solutions for the American people. In the coming months and years, this Committee will make investments to secure a better future for hard-working Americans," said Rep. Matsui.

"I believe that I can best serve my constituents and the American people by directly participating in crafting legislation that falls under the jurisdiction of the Energy and Commerce Committee. The priorities of the people of my district and the challenges they face will be addressed in the Committee, and I look forward to bringing a strong voice for them, and all of northern California, to the table," said Rep. Matsui.

The Energy and Commerce Committee is the oldest standing committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. Throughout its history, the Committee on Energy and Commerce has written landmark legislation greatly benefiting the American people: laws to improve the quality of the air we breathe, to clean up toxic waste sites, to provide health care to senior citizens and children, to protect the safety of our food and drugs, to promote a vibrant telecommunications industry, to prevent fraud in our financial markets, and much more.

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