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Cathy McMorris
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PROUDLY REPRESENTING EASTERN WASHINGTON

Cathy McMorris Rodgers proudly represents Eastern Washington's Fifth Congressional District. Since being elected to the House in 2004, she has focused on introducing legislation based on the priorities she hears in conversations with the people of Eastern Washington. Her mission is to restore the people's voice in Congress, and to make government more efficient, effective, and accountable to hardworking Americans.

As Chair of the House Republican Conference, she is the fourth highest-ranking Republican in the House and the highest-ranking woman in Congress. She is also the longest-serving woman in Republican leadership, and in November of 2016 she was appointed to serve as a vice chair of President-elect Trump's Transition Team.

In 2010, she was appointed to the House Energy and Commerce Committee – where almost half of all legislation pertaining to the economy must pass. She currently serves on the Health Subcommittee, where she plays an active role in advancing affordable, patient-centered health care reforms.

McMorris Rodgers is the co-chair of eight Congressional caucuses: Military Family, Down Syndrome, Lumber, Neuroscience, Hydropower, Northwest Energy, Rural Health Caucus, and the Mobility Air Forces Caucus.

In 2006, McMorris Rodgers married Brian Rodgers, a Spokane native and retired 26-year Navy Commander. A year later, she gave birth to Cole Rodgers. Cole was born with Trisomy 21 and inspired McMorris Rodgers to become a leader in the disabilities community. In 2014, she played an instrumental role in securing final passage of the *ABLE Act*, which was later described as the most comprehensive piece of disability legislation since the passage of the *Americans with Disabilities Act*. McMorris Rodgers believes emphasis should be on one's ability — not disability — and that a job is more than just a way to earn money; it gives a person dignity and purpose in their life. She is dedicated to helping those with disabilities live their lives to the fullest.

She has since welcomed two daughters into the world – Grace Blossom (December 2010) and Brynn Catherine (November 2013). She is the only Member of Congress in history to give birth three times while in office.