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BIPAC Recognizes Pro-Prosperity Democrats in Bipartisan Cornerstone Coalition

Twenty Democrats of the U.S. House boldly broke with their leadership on health care and climate change September 10, 2010 (Washington, D.C) - The Business-Industry Political Action Committee (BIPAC) today recognized twenty pro-prosperity House Democrats who, despite pressure from the Obama administration and their own leadership, voted with the consensus business position twice on health care and once on climate change.

"Elections are meant to drive the direction of public policy decisions that don't always break neatly along party lines, said Gregory S. Casey, President and CEO of BIPAC. "The ongoing election-year rhetoric suggests that all House Democrats are policy clones of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, however, it is incumbent upon those concerned with actual policy outcomes to be a bit more discerning."

BIPAC recently compiled the Prosperity Project© (P2) voting records, measuring the votes of individual members of Congress against the issues contained in the Outline for Prosperity and the Cornerstone agenda. These documents contain the business issue agenda as decided by the business community at the beginning of this Congress.

In the Congress beyond this election, regardless of the political party eventually claiming the majority, policy decisions in the U.S. House will be made by a cadre of Republicans and Democrats willing to vote their principles. We have a unique opportunity to assemble a bipartisan Cornerstone Coalition, capable of enacting pro-prosperity policies. BIPAC respects these twenty Democratic members of the U.S. House for their independence from their caucus leadership," concluded Casey.

Cornerstone Coalition

Jason Altmire (Pennsylvania 4)
John Barrow (Georgia 12)
Dan Boren (Oklahoma 2)
Bobby Bright (Alabama 2)
Travis Childers (Mississippi 1)
Artur Davis (Alabama 7) - leaving office
Lincoln Davis (Tennessee 4)
Chet Edwards (Texas 17)
Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (S.Dakota AL)
Tim Holden (Pennsylvania 17)
Larry Kissell (North Carolina 8)
Jim Marshall (Georgia 8)
Jim Matheson (Utah 2)
Mike McIntyre (North Carolina 7)
Charlie Melancon (Louisiana 3) - running for Senate
Walter Minnick (Idaho 1)
Glenn Nye (Virginia 2)
Mike Ross (Arkansas 4)
John Tanner (Tennessee 8) - retiring
Gene Taylor (Mississippi 4)

About BIPAC

BIPAC, a non-partisan organization, has identified pro-prosperity candidates for 47 years. BIPAC does not lobby but assists thousands of businesses and their organizations to find and elect pro-prosperity candidates at the state and federal level. It is also considered the "gold standard" for political analysis. BIPAC's tradition of backing non-incumbents - regardless of party - who have the ability to become effective leaders once elected to Congress, sets it apart from other business organizations. Additionally, BIPAC provides a wide range of tools and strategies for elections and issue advocacy with active affiliates in more than 40 states.