

Murphy Statement on Beginning of 111th Congress

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) was sworn in for a second term representing Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He released the following statement to mark the beginning of the 111th Congress:

"Today, as I welcomed back my colleagues, and greeted new ones, I couldn't help but notice the mixture of excitement and trepidation that filled the Capitol.

"I believe we are living in a once-in-a-century political moment. All at once, our nation's economy faces threats not seen since the Great Depression, our military is engaged in two wars, and new international crises are erupting almost daily while our nation awaits the arrival of a new President with a mandate for transformational change.

"As soon as the pomp and circumstance of the swearing in has passed, we need to get right down to work. This country cannot wait any longer for an aggressive and comprehensive economic stimulus bill that creates jobs, and President-Elect Obama has made it clear he wants to sign a bill shortly after he takes office. I want to make sure the bill gets as much assistance to Connecticut as possible, where news of layoffs is now a daily occurrence.

"I look forward to working with my friends Rosa DeLauro, John Larson, Joe Courtney, and newly-elected Jim Himes in the coming months to tackle the enormous challenges Connecticut and the nation face. I can't think of a better team to be working together for our state."

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