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HARMAN ANNOUNCES MINORITY STAFF PROMOTIONS AND ADDITIONS AT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

-- Says Staff Will Focus on Committee's "Critical" Oversight Agenda --

Washington, DC – Congresswoman Jane Harman (CA-36), Ranking Member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, today announced a series of staff promotions and additions to the Committee's minority side.

“No Member of Congress or Committee can succeed without a first-rate staff, and today's announcements strengthen an already top-notch team,” said Harman. “We've recruited, and will continue to recruit, a diverse and talented workforce capable of supporting a remarkable Democratic membership, and all of us are focused on advancing the Committee's critical oversight agenda in the 109th Congress.”

David Buckley has been named Minority Staff Director. Before returning to Capitol Hill in February, Buckley was a member of the Senior Executive Service at Treasury for six years, leading criminal investigators in protecting the IRS from internal and external threats; the special assistant to the Defense Department's Inspector General; chief investigator for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations; and a counterespionage case officer for the Air Force. “This is great news for the Committee,” said Harman. “Dave brings enormous experience, judgment and expertise to this position as well as a steady hand.”

Said Eleanor Hill, former Staff Director of the Senate-House Joint Inquiry into 9-11: “Buck and I worked together for nearly ten years. He fully understands the way government, including the Intelligence Community, works and brings years of proven experience in investigations and congressional oversight to the House Intelligence Committee.”

Wyndee Parker, who currently serves on the professional staff, has been promoted to Special Counsel. Before joining the Committee 5 years ago, Parker served as an attorney at the CIA and FBI. “Wyndee's keen and careful eye, her knowledge of the Intelligence Community and institutional memory are irreplaceable. She is most deserving of this promotion,” said Harman.

Karen Brooke, a 28-year Hill veteran who served most recently as Executive Assistant and Scheduler to former Congressman Max Sandlin (D-TX), has been named Executive Assistant.

Harman also confirmed that Jeremy Bash, former Counsel to the law firm of O'Melveny & Myers, will remain as General Counsel, a position he previously held in Harman's personal office.

Two other staffers – John Keefe and Marcel Lettre – will be departing later in the month. Of Keefe, Harman said, "He has been a loyal, respected and talented advisor first as Deputy Minority Staff Director and more recently as Staff Director."

Marcel Lettre is leaving after 3-1/2 years as Professional Staff Member to become Defense and Intelligence Advisor for Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid. "I guess you'd have to call that a promotion," said Harman. "We'll miss him."

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