

Cathy McMorris Rodgers

Cathy McMorris Rodgers is the U.S. representative for Washington's 5th Congressional District. She is also the chair of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Prior to becoming a member of Congress after the 2004 election, McMorris Rodgers served as a representative in the Washington State House of Representatives from 1994-2005. She began her career at the state Capitol as a legislative assistant and rose to become House Leader from 2002-2003.

In 2007, McMorris Rodgers became the Republican co-chair of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, which pushed for pay equity, tougher child support enforcement, women's health programs and laws protecting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In 2009, McMorris Rodgers became the highest-ranking Republican woman in Congress. She has become a strong Republican leader, representing Washington's conservative values.



Cathy Anne McMorris Rodgers