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## **6 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS APPEAR AT EVENT RELEASING NEW JOBS DATA**

### **NEW DATA SHOW VAST MAJORITY OF WORKERS IN EVERY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ARE EMPLOYED IN SERVICES**

(Washington, DC) The Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) today released a report which demonstrates that the vast majority of the workforce in each of the 435 Congressional Districts is employed in the service sector. The new jobs data for every Congressional District can be found at <http://www.uscsi.org/Employment.html>.

The data was released this morning at a Congressional Services Caucus briefing on Capitol Hill. The Congressional Services Caucus includes over 60 Members of Congress and is Co-Chaired by Reps. Crowley (D-NY), Brady (R-TX), Meeks (D-NY), Reichert (R-WA), Hinojosa (D-TX) and Biggert (R-IL).

All 6 Services Caucus Co-Chairs spoke at today's event, which was moderated by Bill Toppeta, President, International, MetLife, and Chairman of CSI.

Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY) said: "During these tough economic times, growth in the services sector is an important part of regaining economic prosperity for the United States."

Rep. Kevin Brady (R-TX) said: "On the eve of the President's job summit, this study should serve as a reminder that economic recovery is largely tied to jobs in the services sector. Development in services creates a rising tide for all parts of our economy."

Rep. Gregory W. Meeks (D-NY) said: "Services equals a stronger and better economy for the United States. Services changes people's lives and creates jobs and opportunities."

Rep. Dave Reichert (R-WA) said: "We must move the pending trade agreements forward. Opening markets to trade is an overlooked stimulus, and a robust trade agenda must be central to America's economic recovery plan."

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The Coalition of Service Industries is the leading business organization dedicated to the development of U.S. domestic and international policies that enhance the global competitiveness of the U.S. service sector through bilateral, regional, multilateral, and other trade and investment initiatives. For more information, visit <http://www.uscsi.org>.

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Rep. Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX) said: “The data released today shows what we see everyday in our Districts. Everyday I see the importance of services to jobs and the economy.”

Rep. Judy Biggert (R-IL) said: “One way to create jobs is right in front of us – trade.”

According to the data, in 403 Congressional Districts, between 70-89% of the workforce is employed in the service sector. In 13 districts, the figure is 90% or higher, and in the remaining 19 districts, between 63-69% of the workforce is employed in services. In no district is the figure lower than 63%.

“This data is a compelling illustration of how important the service sector is to U.S. economic growth, jobs, and prosperity,” said Bill Toppeta, Chairman of CSI and President, International, MetLife. “The U.S. service sector is the most competitive and dynamic in the world. However, 95% of the world’s consumers live outside the United States; expanding our businesses internationally is very important for job creation in the United States, and to the sector’s continued growth and dynamism. That in turn calls for a supportive trade policy that will ensure greater access to and a level playing field in foreign markets.”

The CSI data is based on recently-released figures from the US Census Bureau’s 2008 American Community Survey.