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Shuster Staffer Moves to Head Grassroots Advocacy Group's Statewide Efforts *Jeremy Shoemaker to Become Go 21's State Director*

Washington, DC – **Congressman Bill Shuster** announced today that Jeremy Shoemaker, Shuster's Assistant District Director, will leave the congressman's office in December to become the State Director of Go 21, a grassroots transportation advocacy group.

"Over the past four years, Jeremy has done an outstanding job helping me represent the eastern portion of the 9th district. We will miss Jeremy tremendously but I am very proud of his new position as state director at Go 21 will enable him to continue to serve Pennsylvania and the economic interests of this region," Shuster said.

Go 21 is a national grassroots advocacy organization that emphasizes the use of freight rail transportation to reduce highway congestion and improve the environment. As Go 21's Pennsylvania State Director, Jeremy will meet with community leaders and elected officials at the local, state and national levels to inform them of the benefits of freight rail. Jeremy will begin his new role in January, leaving the congressman's office late December.

"Freight rail remains a key mode of transportation that benefits our economy, our national security, and our environment," Shuster said. "As the incoming Chairman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials, I look forward to working closely with Jeremy and the freight rail industry on the issues the industry will face in the 112th Congress."

A single freight train can move a ton of freight over 400 miles on gallon of fuel which is four times the efficiency of truck transportation. In addition, one train can remove 280 trucks off the road. Locally, CSX maintains an intermodal facility in Franklin County that will move goods from truck to train, taking trucks off the highways which will reduce congestion along I-81. Norfolk Southern recently announced its intention to build a similar facility in Franklin County.

Congressman Shuster will begin the 112th Congress in January as a veteran of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and will become the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials.

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