

Rep. Peter Welch announced Tuesday a set of staff transitions geared toward supporting his work on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, to which he was appointed in January.

Welch hired Stephanie Krenrich as Senior Legislative Assistant with a focus on health, education, housing and the environment. Mary Sprayregen, who previously served as Welch's Business Liaison in his Vermont office, has joined the Congressman's Washington office as a Legislative Assistant with a focus on business, energy, telecommunications and appropriations.

"I am pleased to welcome Stephanie Krenrich to our team and Mary Sprayregen to our Washington office," Welch said. "Stephanie has proven herself as an accomplished legislative assistant and brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to our office. Mary was an invaluable asset to our Vermont office and to the state's business community, and I am excited she will be joining our Washington team."

Stephanie Krenrich (*Senior Legislative Assistant*), a six-year veteran of the House, brings extensive legislative experience to the Welch office. Krenrich previously served as Legislative Assistant for Rep. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ) and for Rep. Lane Evans (D-Ill.). Before that, she served as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer for the Montana Legal Services Association in Helena. Krenrich graduated from New York University with a degree in politics and will graduate from Johns Hopkins University with an M.A. in government later this year.

Mary Sprayregen (*Legislative Assistant*), a native of Charlotte, Vt., has worked in Congressman Welch's Vermont office as Business Liaison since January, 2007. Prior to that, Sprayregen served as Director of Government Affairs for the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce and GBIC. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Skidmore College with a B.A. in sociology and law, Sprayregen has also worked as a policy researcher evaluating Vermont's reparative probation program and as an English teacher in Italy.