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Rep. Kerkman Reappointed to Leadership Position of National Conference of State Legislatures

MADISON – State Representative Samantha Kerkman (R-Randall) has been reappointed as Vice Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Budgets and Revenue Committee for 2013-2014. NCSL President Representative Terie Norelli, New Hampshire, and President-Elect Senator Bruce Starr, Oregon, made the appointment.

"This Committee has provided a wonderful forum to exchange ideas and learn best practices from my colleagues in other states," said Kerkman. "I am pleased to accept another term to help lead the Budgets and Revenue Committee and to represent Wisconsin in a leadership role in this national organization."

The Budgets and Revenue Committee is one of 12 standing committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures. The standing committees are responsible for developing policy directives that guide NCSL's states' agenda on Capitol Hill and within the administration. The directives stress: opposition to unfunded federal mandates, prevention of unnecessary preemption of state laws, protection of state revenue sources, and increased flexibility in state-federal programs.

Rep. Kerkman has been a member of NCSL for a number of years. She was a member of the Budgets and Revenue Committee before first being named Vice Chair in 2011. She last attended a NCSL meeting of the Committee in August of this year.

The National Conference of State Legislatures is the bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staff of the states, commonwealths and territories. NCSL provides research, technical assistance, and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states at the federal level.

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