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BAUCUS HIRES JO-ELLEN DARCY AS SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISOR FOR SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Max Baucus (D-Mont.), Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, today announced that he has hired Jo-Ellen Darcy as Senior Environmental Advisor to oversee policy relating to conservation and environmental issues. Darcy comes to the Committee from the Democratic Staff of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (EPW), where she was a Senior Policy Advisor. Darcy previously worked for Senator Baucus as Policy Advisor for the EPW Committee from 1993 to 2000.

“I’m very pleased to welcome Jo-Ellen back to my staff. She has a truly exemplary record of work on environmental issues and I know she will be a tremendous resource on the Committee,” said Baucus. **“Jo-Ellen’s work on the Committee will help us make sure our tax laws are encouraging the smart and innovative ideas we are going to need to tackle the environmental challenges this nation faces today.”**

As Senior Policy Advisor, Darcy will focus on Finance Committee policy related to environmental, conservation, and natural resource issues. In her role as a Senior Policy Advisor on the Environment and Public Works Committee, Darcy concentrated on fish and wildlife issues, the Army Corps of Engineers, nominations, and a variety of conservation and water issues. Prior to that position, Darcy served as the Deputy Staff Director for the Democratic staff of the EPW Committee from 2001 to 2003. She served as a professional staff member on the EPW Committee between 1993 and 2000, when she worked on a variety of issues, including the Safe Drinking Water Act, Army Corps of Engineers programs, FEMA, Everglades restoration and the Clean Water Act.

Before joining the EPW Committee, Jo-Ellen was legislative representative for the Investment Company Institute, and worked for Governor Jim Blanchard of Michigan in both Lansing and Washington, D.C. Previously, she worked on the House Banking Committee’s Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization and was an elementary school teacher.

She has a B.A. in philosophy and sociology from Boston College and a M.S. in resource development from Michigan State University.

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