



## **OREGON SENATOR FRANK MORSE RECEIVES CHAMPION OF SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR CAPITAL**

*Award recognizes leaders for their efforts in promoting access to capital and economic development in states across the country*

WASHINGTON, DC, August 17, 2011 – Oregon Senator Frank Morse was honored last week with a Champion of Small Business award from the National Coalition for Capital. Senator Morse and 28 fellow legislators and officials from across the nation were recognized for their leadership at the annual National Coalition for Capital Awards Ceremony on August 8 in San Antonio, Texas. Champion of Small Business Awards recognize individuals for demonstrating leadership in supporting policies and initiatives designed to promote access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs, especially those in economically distressed communities.

“This award recognizes Senator Morse’s important work to preserve and create jobs through access to capital policy that helps Oregon small businesses grow and develop,” said Michael Votta, Executive Director of the National Coalition for Capital. “Senator Morse has demonstrated he is a champion of small business, and his efforts will have an enduring positive impact on Oregon.”

Frank Morse was first elected to the Oregon State Senate in 2002 following his retirement from his family business, Morse Bros. Inc. Senator Morse currently serves as the Chair of the Senate Health Care Reform Subcommittee, Vice-chair of the Senate Finance Revenue and Senate Education Workforce Development Committees, Co- Vice Chair of the Joint Tax Credits Committee and as a member of the Senate Health Care, Human Services, & Rural Health Policy Committee. Senator Morse has dedicated his efforts to issues surrounding tax reform and has received numerous awards and honors for his business experience and community service over the years, including Oregon Business Association’s Statesman of the Year Award.

“Now more than ever, it’s critical that elected officials do their part to advance innovative access to capital policies that allow small businesses to grow and prosper,” said Senator Morse. “I am pleased to be among those honored for supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs as they strive to preserve and grow jobs in their communities.”

Morse has also been recognized in the past by Associated Oregon Industries as the Business Leader of the Year and by Associated General Contractors with the Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility Award.

The National Coalition for Capital hosts an annual awards ceremony during the week of the

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Legislative Summit to recognize individuals for taking a leading role in fostering access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

### **About the National Coalition for Capital**

The National Coalition for Capital (NCFC) is a non-profit, nationwide coalition of leaders supporting economic development and job creation through long-term access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs. To learn more about NCFC, visit [www.nationalcoalitionforcapital.org](http://www.nationalcoalitionforcapital.org).

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