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## Committee on Financial Services

**Michael G. Oxley, Chairman**

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### **OXLEY NAMES SENIOR STAFF TEAM AT FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**WASHINGTON---**Chairman Michael G. Oxley (R-OH) today named Robert U. Foster III, Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, and Peggy A. Peterson to three senior staff positions at the newly created House Financial Services Committee. The three will oversee the core functions of the Committee under the leadership of Staff Director and Chief Counsel Terry Haines.

Regarding the senior staff team, Oxley said, "I have known Hugh, Peggy, and Bob for many years and value their counsel on a broad array of issues. We'll be putting their strengths and talents to work as we move forward on the exciting venture of creating the new House Financial Services Committee."

Peggy Peterson has been named communications director and will serve as the Committee's and Oxley's chief spokesman and direct its press staff and news media relations. A native Ohioan and graduate of Westminister College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, Peterson has worked on Oxley's personal office staff for more than 15 years as special projects assistant, press secretary, and communications director. She was also press secretary for then-U.S. Rep. Tom Ridge (R-PA).

Bob Foster, appointed deputy staff director, will work to develop legislative strategies for Chairman Oxley's policy agenda. A resident of Leesburg, Virginia, Bob received his B.A. in economics from Virginia Tech. He began his career in 1988 as an intern for Oxley and was most recently Oxley's legislative director and senior policy adviser. Last Congress, Bob staffed the Gramm-Leach-Bliley legislation for Oxley.

Hugh Halpern, parliamentarian, will be charged with legislative operations. Hugh comes to the Financial Services Committee from the House Commerce Committee, where he was minority research assistant, professional staff member, counsel, and most recently parliamentarian. A native of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Hugh earned his J.D. from George Mason University School of Law. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from The American University.

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