

House Appropriations Committee
David R. Obey (WI-07), Chairman

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Washington D.C. -- Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI), the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, released the following statement on the passing of Congressman John Murtha (D-PA) today.

"Jack Murtha was the first Vietnam veteran to serve in Congress and he was incredibly effective in his service in the House. He understood the misery of war. Every person who serves in the military has lost an advocate and a good friend today.

"My wife Joan and I extend our sympathy and prayers to his wife Joyce, and the entire Murtha family."

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