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**Press Conference Wednesday to Announce**

**Launch of New House Soils Caucus**

*Learn why House members are interested in real "dirt," from the science to the conservation of soils, and how this Caucus can impact Congress.*

**WHO:** House Soils Caucus Co-Chairs; Reps. Jim Costa (D-20th CA), Stephanie Herseth (D-At Large, SD), Tom Latham (R-4th IA), Marilyn Musgrave (R-4th CO)

**WHAT:** House Soils Caucus Press Conference

**WHERE:** Cannon Terrace, corner of Independence & New Jersey

**WHEN:** Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 am

**WHY:** The four House Soils Caucus Co-Chairs will announce the creation of the **House Soils Caucus** and discuss its role as a **scientific resource to Congress** in the areas of water quality, soil conservation, agriculture, and bioenergy.

*Members of the media and public information officers are invited to attend.*

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*The mission of the House Soils Caucus is to heighten the awareness of, and appreciation for, the importance and role of soils and soil science among policymakers and the public to promote proper soil management and conservation to ensure the continued production of high-quality and abundant food, feed, and fiber while protecting and enhancing the environment and natural resource base across the nation.*

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