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**\* Creigh H. Agnew Joins Gorton Center \***

Seattle, WA - On September 1, 2010, **Creigh H. Agnew was named the first President of the Slade Gorton International Policy Center**, located at The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) an independent, nonpartisan research institution. As President, Ms. Agnew will manage daily operations and direct the long-term strategic planning, development, and programs of the Center. The Center was established in January 2010 to honor the living legacy and six decades of Senator Slade Gorton's extensive political career and service to our nation and Washington State. The nonpartisan Center will be a core, permanent program of NBR with three missions: policy research, fellowship and internship programs, and the Gorton History Program.

Rich Ellings, President of NBR stated: "We are thrilled to have Creigh on board to lead the Slade Gorton International Policy Center. Creigh brings a broad range of experience in both the public and private sectors to this new role. She was a senior and highly valued member of Senator Gorton's staff in Washington, D.C. during his first Senate term and then went on to have a successful 21-year career at the Weyerhaeuser Company as Vice President of Government Affairs and Corporate Contributions. In this role, she was responsible for issue management and government relations at both the federal and state levels. She is a proven leader who will help us build on – and honor – Senator Gorton's extraordinary career. The Gorton Center will not only be a premier research institution, it will also provide opportunities to mentor and develop the next generation of leaders in our state."

Senator Gorton stated: "I'm delighted to be rejoined in a common cause by my friend Creigh. She will do for the Gorton Center the same great work she did in the Senate and for Weyerhaeuser!"

Before joining the Weyerhaeuser Company, Ms. Agnew was a legislative assistant, managing natural resource policy work, for Senator Slade Gorton and Congressman Norm Dicks in Washington, D.C. Currently, she serves on the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board, appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire; is a member of the advisory board of the University of Washington-Tacoma and serves on the board of directors of the Multi-Service Center of South King County. She is past chair of the Association of Washington Business, the state's chamber of commerce, and the Washington Council on International Trade. She holds a bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Washington.

The Gorton Center is headquartered in NBR's new building, the George F. Russell Jr. Hall, located directly across the street from the University of Washington. Senator Gorton has a new office in the Gorton Center and advises its work.

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