

**Washington D.C.** – Today, Congressman Kevin McCarthy signed a discharge petition to allow for an up or down vote on bipartisan legislation (H.Res. 554), that, if enacted, would allow the American public and Members of Congress to have 72 hours to review legislation before being brought to the House floor for a vote. During this Congress, the House Democratic Leadership has rushed legislation through with little time for review, including the 1,000 plus page Stimulus bill and the Cap and Trade bill, which received bipartisan criticism for adding over 300 pages the night before and not having these pages available in the draft copy that was available to review before the vote.

Congressman McCarthy issued the following statement:

*“Allowing hard-working Americans and their Representatives three days to review a bill before it is voted on is straight forward and common sense. Take for example the \$1.1 trillion Stimulus bill and the Cap and Tax energy bill, which passed the House with little scrutiny and review, even though they have great impact to our record-breaking national debt and energy prices that American families pay. We can do better and Americans deserve better. The American people should have time to review and express their opinions regarding legislation their Representatives are considering and voting on. Not to mention, the Representatives themselves should read and review legislation. I hope members from both sides of the aisle can come together and join our bipartisan group working to bring this reform to the House floor for a vote to bring more accountability to Congress.”*

In addition to supporting this action, Congressman McCarthy signed the “Responsible Health Care Reform Pledge” last July to “not vote to enact any healthcare reform package that: 1) he has not read personally in its entirety; and, 2) has not been available in its entirety, to the American people on the internet for at least 72 hours, so that they can read it too.”