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The Women's High Tech Coalition (WHTC) is excited to announce that Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE) will join Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) as WHTC's Honorary Senate Co-chairs. House Congressional Co-Chairs, Rep. Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA), will continue on for the 115th Congress. The WHTC is a non-partisan organization that works to connect women in high-tech and public policy positions in order to foster conversation and cooperation on issues of mutual concern.

"The WHTC has a track record of bringing together leaders in the high-tech industry and government, and I look forward to the opportunity to working with Senator Klobuchar, our House counterparts, Congresswomen Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Suzan DelBene (D-WA), and the WHTC team" Fischer said. "The Coalition's nonpartisan platform for discussions on these important economic and security issues will be important in this new session."

"The bipartisan work of the Women's High Tech Coalition is critical to strengthening our nation's STEM workforce and helping more women succeed in the 21st century economy," said Senator Klobuchar, who became the WHTC's original Senate Co-Chair last year. "Senator Fischer is a great addition to these efforts as we continue to work together to expand the participation of women in STEM fields. Getting more women into science and technology will not only bolster our economy and lead to the creation of new jobs, but it will also help lead to the next great inventions and breakthroughs that will allow people to live healthier and more productive lives."

The WHTC hosts several networking and policy events each year, which tackle a wide range of issues including jobs, STEM education, professional development and policy issues including Internet of Things, Women's entrepreneurship, and cybersecurity. Facebook's Sheryl Sandberg, Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Hewlett-Packard CEO Meg Whitman have all headlined previous member gatherings.

"The WHTC is thrilled to have Senator Fischer onboard, and looks forward to working with all of our co-chairs to foster opportunities for women in the technology sector," said WHTC Executive Director Kristina Wilcox.

The organization was founded in 2000 and is a 501[c][3] non-profit. Previous Congressional Co-chairs include current representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL) and Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) as well as former representatives Jo Ann Emerson (R-MO8) and Mary Bono Mack (R-CA). To learn more, please visit <http://www.womenshightech.org/>.