

Washington, D.C. - Congressman David Price (NC-04) will lead a delegation of his colleagues to support the strengthening of legislatures in Eastern Europe on a week-long trip beginning today.

Price will be accompanied by Pennsylvania Reps. Allyson Schwartz and Bill Shuster, along with congressional and State Department staff. Price is Chairman of the House Democracy Assistance Commission, which works to strengthen legislatures in emerging democracies throughout the world.

The delegation begins its trip in Moldova, where members will meet with Moldovan officials and tour projects supported by American partner organizations. The North Carolina National Guard, NC Secretary of State Elaine Marshall's office, and a number of area universities and nonprofits have ongoing projects with their counterparts in Moldova. While in the country, Price and his colleagues will visit a health clinic constructed by members of the North Carolina National Guard, and will tour the Moldovan Medical University, which has received ongoing support from the medical schools at UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke University, Wake Forest and ECU.

Price will then lead the delegation to Ukraine and Georgia for five busy days of workshops and meetings to share best practices for legislative governance. Specific areas of discussion will include oversight of executive branch agencies, budgetary analysis, constituent and media relations, and parliamentary procedure.

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