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Monument Policy Group Announces Partners, Expands Practice Areas and Bipartisan Capability

Washington, D.C. – Monument Policy Group, LLC, a government relations and federal strategy consulting firm, announces the expansion of the firm and its client service areas with the addition of Timothy E. Punke and Andrew P. Howell as partners.

“Monument was founded last year on a vision of combining substantive expertise in key policy areas with established relationships crucial to the government decision-making process,” said C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., partner and founder. “I am pleased today to announce a major expansion of the firm to fulfill this vision. Tim and Andrew bring substantial expertise and an ability to work with policymakers across the political spectrum, in a variety of industries, and throughout the international economy. Their arrival will enhance the ability of Monument to provide clients with expertise in a wider range of practice areas, the capability to manage major lobbying and consulting campaigns, and our international outreach capabilities.”

Tim Punke draws upon over a decade of experience with expertise in federal legislative and regulatory issues, including international trade, tax policy, intellectual property, and global competitiveness. As a former international economic policy advisor to the White House National Economic Council and former chief international trade counsel to the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, Tim has unique insight into the development of trade policies and agreements. His work on the Committee included assisting in the development of the 2002 Trade Act, implementation of numerous free trade agreements, and work on dozens of international trade disputes.

Andrew Howell brings to Monument over 10 years of government and public relations experience with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, formerly serving as vice president for homeland security policy, senior vice president of the National Chamber Foundation and director of Latin American Affairs. Howell brings to the firm profound expertise, working with local and international business leaders to effectively shape federal and public strategy.

U.S. Chamber President and CEO, Tom Donohue noted, "Andrew has made important contributions to our international division, National Chamber Foundation and homeland security practice. We expect him to make an equally positive impact at the Monument Policy Group."

In addition, Monument announced the hiring of Andrew Meehan as a director of government relations. Meehan served as a legislative aide to U.S. Representative Sue Kelly (R-N.Y.) specializing in issues related to homeland security, foreign affairs, telecommunications, the judiciary and immigration. Meehan also served the House Judiciary Committee under former Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisc.).

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Monument's client roster includes Cross Match Technologies, Digimarc Corporation, the Discover America Partnership, DTC Engineers and Constructors, IBM, the National Business Travel Association, Sybase, the Travel Industry Association of America and XM Satellite Radio.

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