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**Monument Policy Group, LLC, Announces Strategic Relationship  
with Lora Ries and Promotion of Andrew Meehan**

**Washington, D.C.** – Monument Policy Group, LLC, today makes two personnel announcements designed to enhance its public policy and government consulting capabilities. Monument Policy Group provides clients with unique insight and reach into how federal public policy is created and influenced by the U.S. Congress, the executive branch and other key stakeholders.

First, Lora Ries and Monument Policy Group have entered into a strategic relationship for Ries to provide services as an independent contractor to Monument as part of our client service. Ries brings over a decade of high-level experience in the legislative and executive branches and is well-respected as a leading expert on a range of immigration, travel and homeland security issues. Most recently, Ries served for three years at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. As Director of Immigration Security Policy, Ries was responsible for visa and immigration enforcement policy and developed extensive relationships throughout the Department of Homeland Security and with the Departments of State and Justice, as well as with a wide range of private sector stakeholders. Later, Ries served as Director of Mission Operations at the US-VISIT program office. Ries had previously served as Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee's Immigration Subcommittee from 2000-2003. She worked for several full- and subcommittee chairmen including Rep. Lamar Smith (R, Texas). Ries received both her B.A. and J.D. from Valparaiso University in 1993 and 1996, respectively.

“Lora’s experience in the legislative and executive branch trenches on a wide range of immigration, travel, and homeland security issues will be a great asset to our firm,” said Partner and Founder C. Stewart Verdery, Jr. “She has earned her reputation as a leading expert on issues critical to business in a post 9/11 world.”

Second, Andrew C. Meehan has been promoted to Senior Director of Government Relations. Meehan joined Monument Policy Group in 2007 and has played a key role in assisting clients on homeland security and law enforcement issues on a bipartisan basis before the Congress. Prior to joining Monument, 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. Previously, Meehan served the House Judiciary Committee under former Judiciary Chairman James

Sensenbrenner (R, Wisc.). In his two years with the committee, Meehan served as a staff assistant and legislative correspondent. Meehan graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y., in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in American Studies and a minor in Physics.

“Andrew has excelled in advising clients and working with Congressional offices on cutting edge issues such as travel facilitation and secure credentialing,” said Tim Punke, Partner. “We are excited to have Andrew as a key part of our team headed into 2008.”

For more information, please contact Stewart Verdery, Tim Punke, or Andrew Howell at 202-719-9999.

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Monument Policy Group is based on a vision of combining substantive expertise in key policy areas with established relationships crucial to the government decision-making process. Founded in 2006, Monument offers clients a well-rounded approach to government affairs and federal marketing strategy. The firm’s clients include the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Cross Match Technologies, Digimarc Corporation, Electronic Data Systems, Eli Lilly and Company, General Dynamics, Microsoft, the National Business Travel Association, PhRMA, Sybase, the Travel Industry Association of America, Weyerhaeuser, XM Satellite Radio, and Zillow.com.