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U.S. Chamber of Commerce Vice President Joins Monument, Enhances Security and Trade Practices

Washington, D.C. – Monument Policy Group, LLC, a government relations and federal strategy consulting firm, today announces the addition of Andrew P. Howell as a partner at the firm. Howell recently served in the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as vice president of homeland security policy. In this role, he acted as the Chamber's primary spokesperson and senior strategist on a range of critical national security issues.

Howell brings to Monument profound expertise in a range of issues, having worked with business leaders to effectively shape complex legislation and regulation that impacted our nation's leading businesses.

"In more than a decade of service, Howell brought intelligence, dedication, and passion to his responsibilities at the U.S. Chamber," said Chamber president and CEO Tom Donohue. "He 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."

During his tenure with the U.S. Chamber, Howell was instrumental in the establishment of the National Cyber Security Partnership that helped to frame the U.S. Department of Homeland Security strategy for protecting information technology infrastructure. Among the business coalitions and initiatives Howell successfully represented for the Chamber related to the SAFETY Act and SAFE Ports Act of 2006.

Monument partner and founder C. Stewart Verdery, Jr. commented, "Andrew Howell is widely recognized as a leading policy expert in Washington, and his extensive set of relationships has been instrumental in finding solutions for the private sector at the local, state, federal and international government level across party lines. His addition to the Monument Policy Group team will strengthen our capabilities in areas such as international trade and economics, cargo security and customs, critical infrastructure protection and cyber security."

Prior to serving in the role of vice president of homeland security, he served as senior vice president of the National Chamber Foundation, the public policy research arm of the U.S. Chamber, helping to shape it into the powerful Washington think tank it is today. Howell also served as the Chamber's director of Latin American affairs under its international division.

Outside of his time with the Chamber, Howell was a senior associate for public relations with Chlopak, Leonard, Schechter and Associates, representing associations, corporations and international governments on international public policy issues.

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Howell received his BA from Tufts University and MBA from George Washington University.

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