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**Rich Thomas, Congressional Legislative Director, Leadership Liaison,
and Committee Advisor, Joins Monument Policy Group as Vice President**

Washington, D.C. - Monument Policy Group, LLC today announced that Rich Thomas will join the firm on July 1, 2008 as a Vice President of Government Relations.

Rich will join the firm from the Office of Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ), where he has worked for eight years, currently as Legislative Director. In addition, he has served as Congressman Pascrell's liaison to the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic leadership and as a key advisor on two committees.

Rich has helped the House Majority Whip's Office develop overall strategy, member education, and vote analysis for major legislation during this Congress. As an advisor to the Ways and Means Committee, he has been involved in a range of trade matters, from furthering intellectual property protections for various industries to crafting legislation to reduce tariff barriers for smaller businesses. He also worked extensively on the U.S.-Peru Free Trade Agreement and on legislation to continue research and development tax credits for U.S. companies. Rich also served as a principal advisor to the House Homeland Security Committee during Congressman Pascrell's tenure as Ranking Member of the Emergency Preparedness, Science & Technology Subcommittee in the 109th Congress. He has significant ties to the first responder community and helped draft grant program legislation, including the reauthorization of the FIRE Act.

"I could not be more pleased to join such an exciting, innovative firm," said Thomas. "The Monument Policy Group has quickly forged an outstanding reputation as being dynamic and effective. They have built a great organization and I am looking forward to helping it grow."

"I had the opportunity to work closely with Rich on the Hill, and I am delighted to continue partnering with him in the private sector," said Jessica Herrera-Flanigan, a partner at Monument Policy Group.

Partner Tim Punke added: "Rich's many years on the Hill give him a diverse set of relationships and great policy expertise. His work on tax and trade matters will be particularly invaluable to our clients."

Rich also has worked on several campaigns on both the state and federal level, including campaigns for Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) and Rep. Melissa Bean (D-IL). He holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Monument Policy Group, LLC, 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. Honed by decades of high-level experience in all branches of government and in the private sector, Monument's partners also include founder C. Stewart Verdery, Jr. and Andrew Howell. The firm's current client roster includes the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Cross Match Technologies, Digimarc Corporation, EADS North America, EDS, Eli Lilly and Company, Flightwatch Secure, General Dynamics, Microsoft, the National Business Travel Association, National Center for APEC, PhRMA, Sybase, the Travel Industry Association, USIS, Verified Identity Pass, Weyerhaeuser, XM Satellite Radio, and Zillow.com.