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## **THE LIVINGSTON GROUP ADDS FINANCIAL EXPERTISE WITH ADDITION OF ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL AND CHIEF HILL STAFFER**

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**Washington, DC** - The Livingston Group (TLG) today announced the addition of John Duncan – a Bush Administration official and prominent Congressional staffer who brings to the firm nearly thirty years of in-depth knowledge of legislative oversight and federal policy processes. Duncan will serve as a consultant within the following Practice Areas: Financial Services and Tax; and, Defense Technology/Homeland Security.

“John Duncan brings years of immeasurable and most valuable experience in tax policy and national security issues to our team!” said firm founder and CEO Bob Livingston. “He is a welcome addition to The Livingston Group.”

As President Bush’s Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Legislative Affairs, Duncan worked closely with the House and Senate leaders to pass the 2001, 2002, and 2003 tax cuts. He contributed to the passage of corporate financial reforms, specifically, the Sarbanes Oxley Act. During his numerous years on Capitol Hill, Duncan contributed in particular on the following key issues: terrorism risk insurance, pension overhaul reform, renewal of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the creation of the Department of Homeland Security.

As Majority Staff Director for the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, Duncan oversaw the establishment of federal retirees Thrift Savings Plan, the program used later as a model for President Bush’s personal accounts in his Social Security reform plan.

Duncan also served as Chief of Staff and Legislative Director to U.S. Senator William Roth (R-DE), providing managerial guidance on major legislative initiatives under the Finance Committee including: welfare reform, Medicare reform, pension reform, elimination of the marriage penalty, creation of the Roth IRA, reducing capital gains taxes.

“I’m so pleased to be joining the tremendous professional strength of the organization,” said Duncan. “Bob Livingston has formed a team of persons of great depth.”

Duncan received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Illinois and Masters degree from the New School in New York City.

The Livingston Group, LLC was created in March 1999 and provides comprehensive public affairs, government relations and lobbying services on a global basis. A complete overview of their practices, personnel and performance, including a representative client list, is available at [www.livingstongroupdc.com](http://www.livingstongroupdc.com).

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