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Podesta and Livingston Launch Joint Venture

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Washington, D.C. – Tony Podesta and Bob Livingston today announced the formation of a new joint venture between two of Washington’s most successful lobbying and public affairs firms. The partnership will allow their firms – The Podesta Group and The Livingston Group -- to pool talents and resources, as well as develop strategies for new business based on the major issues the new Congress is likely to tackle.

“This new partnership is about providing the best client service in town while also looking strategically at what direction lawmakers will take on some of the major issues of our time. I have the highest level of respect for Bob and his team. I can’t wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work with them,” remarked Podesta.

“We will hand pick from our ranks an all-star cast specifically tailored to the respective client’s needs. I am excited to work with Tony and all the talented people at his firm as the 110th Congress begins and we identify domestic and international opportunities for our team to pursue,” said Livingston.

The new venture, to be called The PLM Group, will be headed by former Rep Toby Moffett (D-Conn), who for the past six years has led The Livingston Group’s international practice. He will serve as Chairman of the PLM Group and will manage new business development for the venture.

"The synergies between these two firms, already very successful in their own right, should be terrific," said Moffett. "The combination of our respective Hill relationships, the Podesta Group’s additional public affairs depth, Bob's relationships with the Administration, and our international expertise, should produce some attractive client opportunities."

The Podesta Group and the Livingston Group will each retain their own separate practice and personnel. Both firms have a deep, bipartisan bench of talented and experienced professionals. Current and new clients would have access to the entire spectrum of government relations, international affairs and communications experts of both firms.

Short bios of Tony Podesta, Bob Livingston and Toby Moffett are attached.

A complete list of the professional teams at the Livingston Group and the Podesta Group is available at: www.livingstongroupdc.com/corporateoverview/team.html and www.podesta.com/ourteam.htm.

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PLM Group Bios

Tony Podesta is one of the Democratic Party's premier political strategists. He has provided strategic counsel on a wide variety of issues to numerous Democratic candidates and policymakers. From shoe-leather campaigns to high-tech politics, he has led the way on some of the most competitive campaigns and policy debates in recent history. In addition to being named by Washingtonian magazine as one of their "Power 50," he has been named a top lobbyist by Roll Call and The Hill newspapers.

He has worked for many years with Democratic congressional leaders, including Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), as well as with rank-and-file Members in both the House and Senate. Additionally, he is active with the Democratic Governors Association. Democratic insiders also rely on Tony for his strategic counsel on the campaign trail. He headed successful statewide campaigns in Pennsylvania for former President Bill Clinton and Senator John Kerry (D-MA). Most recently, he chaired Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell's successful re-election campaign.

Robert L. Livingston was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in a special election in 1977 - the first Republican to represent Louisiana's First Congressional District in 102 years. He was re-elected to eleven successive terms. He served as a Member of the House Appropriations Committee through most of his time in Congress, and chaired the Committee from 1995 to 1998. He also served six years on the House Select Committee on Intelligence and chaired a select committee in 1997 tasked with revamping the House Ethics Rules. He was chosen by his peers to serve as Speaker-designate for the 106th Congress.

Following his departure from Congress in February 1999, Mr. Livingston established the Livingston Group, a successful lobbying shop with offices in Washington, DC and in New Orleans, LA. The Livingston Group was recently rated by *Influence* magazine as one of the top ten lobbying shops in the Nation's capital, and Livingston is regarded as one of the hardest working lobbyists in town.

Anthony J. Moffett is a Senior Counselor at the Livingston Group, and heads the Livingston Moffett International Practice Group. Mr. Moffett served as Vice-President for Global Government and Public Affairs with Monsanto, Inc. Mr. Moffett served from Connecticut in the United States House of Representatives from 1975 through 1983, where he was Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources.

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