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## **TWO DEMOCRATS BECOME PARTNERS IN THE LIVINGSTON GROUP**

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**Washington, DC** - The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) today announced that Democrats Dennis Hertel, former six-term Representative from Detroit, and Lauri Fitz-Pegado, former Assistant Secretary at the Department of Commerce in the Clinton Administration are becoming partners in The Livingston Group. TLG was founded as a bi-partisan firm eight years ago by former Louisiana Congressman Bob Livingston and three former staffers.

For the past fourteen years, Hertel, an attorney, has represented clients, both corporate and non-profit, in the areas of transportation, energy, environment and health care. He has been associated with TLG for two years and currently serves as Practice Director for Corporate Responsibility and Congressional Oversight.

Fitz-Pegado joined TLG five years ago and is currently the Director of the International Practice Group. In addition to her tenure at Commerce as Assistant Secretary and Director General of the US and Foreign Commercial Service, she was a diplomat, corporate executive and managing director at a public affairs firm. She served as an advisor to the late Ron Brown when he was DNC Chairman as well as a Director of the Clinton-Gore Inaugural. She serves on the boards of the National Education Association Foundation, the Constituency for Africa, the American and African Business Women's Alliance and is a member of the Washington Government Relations Group and the African American Unity Caucus. She is a senior advisor and mentor to minorities in international affairs as part of the University of Denver's International Career Advancement Program and the United Negro College Fund's International Institute for Public Policy.

"Dennis was a leader on the environment chairing the House Oceanography Subcommittee for six years. Under his leadership National Marine Sanctuaries were created in California and the Florida Keys," said TLG Founder Livingston. "In his twelve years on the Armed Services Committee he served on all of the various subcommittees and was Chairman of Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee. Hertel was responsible for major procurement reforms in the Department of Defense. He was a Democratic regional whip and Vice Chairman of the Democratic Study Group. His knowledge, experience and perspective are critical to our management team."

Extending praise for Ms. Fitz-Pegado, Livingston said, "Lauri has been a strategic counselor to foreign governments, corporations and non-profits. Her experience in the public and private sectors has contributed to her ability in serving our clients with distinction over the past five years and in building our international practice."

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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