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Former Congressman Barcia to join Livingston Group / Karoub Associates Federal practice division

*Michigan's largest multi-client government relations firm forms alliance with
The Livingston Group to advance clients' interests in Washington*

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LANSING – Former Michigan Congressman Jim Barcia will be working with the Livingston Group, a prestigious Washington, DC firm and Karoub Associates, Michigan's oldest and largest multi-client government relations firm, and heading a new federal practice joint venture, the firms announced today.

Karoub's federal team will work closely with The Livingston Group, a bipartisan Washington government relations firm that includes former Michigan Congressman Dennis Hertel, a partner of the firm. The Livingston Group, founded in 1999 by former Louisiana Congressman Bob Livingston, former Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, includes more than 60 principals and consultants in the United States, as well as 14 international affiliates.

"We are extremely pleased to announce this strategic alliance and the opportunity to work with former Congressman Jim Barcia. Jim possesses an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience from his decade in our nation's capital and 30 years of public service," Karoub Associates Partner Jack Schick said. "Combined with the talent and expertise of The Livingston Group, Karoub Associates is now well-positioned on both the federal and state levels to achieve additional success for our clients."

Barcia, of Bay City, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992 and served through 2002. He served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1977 through 1982 and has served two tours in the Michigan Senate, from 1983 through 1992 and 2003 through 2011.

"I'm excited to be working with a firm with the history and talent of Karoub Associates, as well as the Livingston Group" Barcia said. "Michigan is in a unique position thanks to our congressional delegation's seniority and chairmanship of key committees in both the U.S. House and Senate. Rarely has our state had such an opportunity to leverage Washington's resources for our state's benefit."

A Democrat, Barcia has earned respect from lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle throughout his career for his thoughtful leadership and consensus-building approach. He most recently served as chairman of the Michigan Senate Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation Committee even though the Michigan Senate was under Republican control. Barcia served as Associate Pro Tem in the Michigan Senate as well as served the past eight years as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

In Congress, Barcia served on the House Committee on Science & Technology and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. He has long been an advocate for education, environmental, health care, hunting and agricultural issues.

Founded by former state legislator James H. Karoub in January 1968, Karoub Associates has grown from a one-man, single client organization to the largest multi-client government relations firm in Michigan with a staff of 20 and over 100 clients.

The Livingston Group, LLC was created in March 1999 and is a bi-partisan firm providing comprehensive government relations, public affairs, advocacy, and strategic communications services to a broad range of public and private sector clients. TLG features seven Democratic and Republican former Members of Congress, congressional staff, executive branch officials, staff of governors, state representatives, and corporate executives with an extensive network of over 60 principals and consultants in the U.S., as well as 14 international affiliates.

A complete overview of their practices, personnel and performance, including a representative client list, is available at www.livingstongroupdc.com.

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