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THE LIVINGSTON GROUP ANNOUNCES FORMER OBERSTAR CHIEF OF STAFF TO JOIN THE FIRM AS AFFILIATE

[Bill Richard strengthens transportation practice; brings strong Minnesota ties.](#)

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Washington, D.C. - The Livingston Group (TLG) announced today the affiliation of William (Bill) G. Richard – longtime Capitol Hill staffer and Chief of Staff to former Democratic Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota. Richard brings premiere congressional experience to TLG and working relationships throughout the federal government

Richard will work with TLG's transportation clients, while providing strategic, political and legislative support in several other TLG practice areas.

"We are genuinely excited to expand the bipartisan Livingston Group family with the addition of Bill Richard" says founding partner, Bob Livingston, adding, "Bill's Capitol Hill experience and extensive insight on transportation issues such as airlines, commuter rail, water and infrastructure will serve our clientele well."

Richard spent over two decades on the personal staff of Rep. James Oberstar serving as his senior advisor and then as Chief of Staff. Richard played a role in the development and enactment of ISTEA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991), TEA-21 (Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century), and SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users). He has earned the respect of lawmakers in federal and state political circles throughout his career and will bring additional depth to the Livingston Group's team of seasoned professionals.

"I am looking forward to a new chapter of interaction with the Congress", Richard said, adding, "joining the TLG family was an easy choice for me. Bob's team will provide the opportunity for me to share my knowledge and expand my network while pursuing new challenges." Bill Richard leads the Richard Policy Group. Prior to coming to Capitol Hill, Richard was a broadcaster and technician for the Minnesota Radio Talking Book Network, a division of the Minnesota State Services for the Blind.

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 legislators, 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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