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THE LIVINGSTON GROUP BUILDS ITS TEAM WITH ADDITION OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN RAY MCGRATH (R-NY)

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Washington, DC - The Livingston Group, LLC (TLG) continues to build its team via an affiliation with former Congressman Ray McGrath (R-NY). A 36-year veteran of Washington, DC, Ray was most recently a partner in the Downey McGrath Group, Inc., where he was involved in all of the major legislative issues of recent years, notably the budget and deficit battles, the Affordable Care Act, and financial services reforms. On January 1, he launched The McGrath Group.

Ray McGrath's distinguished record of public service began as a Member of the New York State Assembly, where he was a driving force in helping reform the state's Medicaid system. In 1980, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served the people of New York's 5th District for six terms.

As a Member of Congress, Ray McGrath served on the Government Operations and Science and Technology Committees. In his third term, Ray won a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee. During his eight years of service on Ways and Means, Ray developed an expertise in tax, trade, and health care issues. He was one of the chief architects of a provision in the 1986 tax bill to preserve state and local tax deductions, and served on the Health Subcommittee for six years.

Following his Congressional service, Ray served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Beer Institute, a trade association representing more than 300 industry members worldwide. He represented the industry before Congress and state legislatures on issues ranging from taxes to advertising regulations to transportation. Under Ray's leadership, the industry developed programs to promote health awareness and address underage drinking and drunk driving. In addition, he served as Director of the Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation.

Recognizing Ray's expertise on health-related issues and his years of work representing amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy Thompson twice requested that Ray serve as a member of his official delegation traveling to

Africa to examine the impact of the AIDS pandemic, as well as sought his counsel on this and other vital issues on an ongoing basis.

In addition to his broad experience in, and knowledge of, health care issues, Ray's personal experience as the father of a hearing impaired child has made him a passionate advocate for issues associated with hearing impairment. Working on behalf of a client, he achieved major changes in reimbursement policy related to these issues, and won important National Coverage Decisions (NCD) issued by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). At the Department of Education, his work with the client brought significant policy modifications for hearing impaired students.

"I've known Ray since he was first elected to Congress, and I have great respect for him. He's a great guy and he's been a very successful lobbyist. I look forward to relying on his wisdom and experience," said TLG Founding Partner Bob Livingston.

"I am pleased to be part of such an esteemed group of professionals and former colleagues," said Ray McGrath. "Through my association with The Livingston Group, I will continue to develop work on policy issues that are most dear to me."

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