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## THE LIVINGSTON GROUP ADDS HEALTH CARE AND PHARMACEUTICALS POLICY EXPERT TO ITS CONSULTANT TEAM

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**Washington, DC-** The Livingston Group, LLC today announced the affiliation of Paul Kelly, former trade association executive in the health care and pharmaceutical industry. Mr. Kelly brings to The Livingston Group more than 30 years of experience in healthcare and business industry matters including pharmacy, retail, medical device, physical therapy, nursing, laboratory, and nutrition. An expert in all areas of government advocacy and political affairs, Mr. Kelly is credited with numerous legislative and regulatory achievements. He joins The Livingston Group following six years as a Principal with The Federal Group. Mr. Kelly will serve as a consultant within the Livingston Group’s Health Care and Pharmaceuticals practice area.

“We believe that Paul’s depth of experience working in the health care industry will bring decided advantages to our team.” said TLG President Bob Livingston.

Mr. Kelly served as Vice President of Government Affairs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores, representing both Fortune 500 companies and small and regional retail pharmacy businesses. He lobbied Congress and the Executive Branch on the “Affordable Care Act”, the “Medicare Improvement and Patient Protection Act”, the “Medicare Modernization Act” (aka, Part D) and other major legislation. In recognition of his leadership, he was selected to testify before Congress during the hearings on “Obamacare.” Additionally, he developed and directed the group’s political action and grassroots programs.

Previously, Mr. Kelly was Senior Vice President for federal and state government affairs at the Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA), an alliance of large retail chains including Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot. During his tenure, he significantly elevated the association’s profile, earning the group its first invitations to testify before Congress and participate in White House bill signing ceremonies. While at RILA, he led a national business coalition that won favorable supply chain security provisions in the “Safe Ports Act of 2006”. He also represented retail on issues related to state health insurance mandates, testifying before the U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee on the issue.

Mr. Kelly has served as Senior Federal Lobbyist for the American Dietetic Association, representing registered dietitians and licensed nutritionists. He led the successful campaign to cover medical nutrition therapy in Medicare. Prior to that, he was Director of Government Relations at the American Chiropractic Association, improving coverage for chiropractic services in Medicare and the military. Early in his career, he worked in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Kelly has volunteered in

Washington as a member of the Board of Directors for the American League of Lobbyists, the Association of Government Relations Professionals, and the Congressional Award Foundation -- a charity created by Congress to recognize leadership in America's youth.

"I have admired the Livingston Group from a distance for quite some time," said Kelly. "I am truly looking forward to working with this outstanding team of government relations professionals."

The Livingston Group, LLC was created in March 1999 and provides comprehensive public affairs, government relations and lobbying services on a global basis. Recognized as one of the most respected government affairs firms in Washington, DC, The Livingston Group also provides marketing services and public affairs counsel in the areas of coalition building, media outreach and crisis communication.

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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