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***DANIELLA LANDAU, TONIO BURGOS, AND STEVE PATTERSON
ROUND OUT FIRM'S STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVE***

Washington, D.C. June 12, 2007. Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, one of the nation's premier public affairs consulting firms, today announced a strategic growth initiative centered around the addition of three new partners: Daniella Landau, Tonio Burgos, and Steve Patterson. Additionally, the firm announced that veteran Wexler & Walker Democrats Tim Hannegan and Joel Malina have been promoted to Executive Vice President.

"These veterans have long standing experience and relationships with Democratic Leaders in the House and Senate as well as strong ties to Democratic Party leaders here in DC and around the country," said Dale Snape, Wexler & Walker's General Manager and CEO. "They will broaden and deepen our reach for current and prospective clients," Mr. Snape said.

"To use a baseball analogy, we have added three power hitters to our first place team," said Mr. Snape. "They will augment our Democratic line-up that includes Senior Vice Presidents Bob Healy, Jody Hoffman and RD Folsom, as well recently promoted Vice President Malcolm Grace."

"For 26 years, we have assembled for our clients the strongest bipartisan team of lobbyists in Washington. With these new appointments, our firm roster is stronger than ever," said Mr. Snape.

"Daniella brings a broad network of relationships with House Democratic leadership and senior Members throughout the House and Senate. Tonio, a member of the Democratic National Committee, has decades of experience in public policy and government, having worked for more than a decade as a top aide to New York Governor Mario Cuomo; he has deep reach into the nation's Hispanic-Latino community. And Steve brings insights and strategic thinking unique to his 25+ years as a Chief of Staff to Senator Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) and Representatives Dave McCurdy (D-OK) and Jim Turner (D-TX)," said Mr. Snape.

Daniella Landau brings two decades of Washington experience, having served on the Clinton/Gore Transition Team in 1993 and as Media Director of Doak, Shrum Associates Political Consulting. Most recently, she served as a Managing Director for the government affairs office of American Airlines.

Tonio Burgos has long been active in New York politics, serving as Governor Cuomo's Director of Executive Services. In 2006, Mr. Burgos was awarded the Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology Association Annual Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in public policy and his life-long commitment to the Hispanic-Latino community. Mr. Burgos has been a pioneer in the Hispanic community setting the standards for advising, consulting and guiding some of the largest Fortune 500 corporations on regulatory, legislative and strategic planning initiatives impacting public policy.

Steve Patterson served for over 25 as Chief of Staff and political advisor to moderate Democrats in Congress. He started his career in journalism as an award-winning (Associated Press, Oklahoma State Press Association) reporter covering Oklahoma politics. Earlier this year, Mr. Patterson opened CDP Strategies, a Little Rock-based consulting firm.

Tim Hannegan and Joel Malina have been with Wexler & Walker for 12 and 15 years respectively and have extensive ties into Democratic circles. "As the Grandson of a former Democratic National Committee Chairman, Tim has truly picked up the mantle and become our firm's 'go-to guy' with many of the Democrats on the Hill," Mr. Snape said. "Likewise, Joel has been a driving force in our firm's recent growth and has distinguished himself as one of the foremost coalition builders in Washington. Along with firm President Jack Howard, Joel has spearheaded the successful effort to integrate our firm's resources with those of our parent company, global communications firm Hill and Knowlton," said Mr. Snape.

Wexler & Walker was founded in 1981 by Democratic Presidential advisor Anne Wexler and provides strategic counseling, direct lobbying, and coalition building services to corporations, associations, non-profits and government clients. Firm Chairman Robert S. Walker, former Chairman of the House Republican Leadership and Chairman of the House Science Committee, joined the company in 1997. The firm's bipartisan ranks include some of the profession's leading counselors.

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