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**CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ADDS SENIOR DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST**

*Todd Webster, Chief of Staff to Senator Chris Coons (D-DE), to join firm*

WASHINGTON – Cornerstone Government Affairs announced Wednesday that Todd Webster, Chief of Staff to Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) and a nine year Senate veteran, will be joining the firm. He joins Cornerstone as a Vice President and immediately boosts the firm’s trade, foreign affairs, judiciary, energy, financial services, and communications capabilities.

“Todd is a consummate professional and one of the best political strategists on the Hill. He has a great reputation, tremendous expertise and excellent relationships inside and outside of government,” said Geoff Gonella, Cornerstone’s President and Managing Partner. “He is a seasoned leader and will bring tremendous capabilities to our clients.”

During his five year tenure with Senator Coons, Webster acted as the Senator’s top advisor on all legislative, leadership, political, and communications matters. Given the Senator’s active membership on the Senate Appropriations, Judiciary and Foreign Relations Committees, Webster oversaw and executed complex legislative strategies that helped Senator Coons enact a series of important victories for Delaware and the country on issues of tax, trade, R&D, innovation, patent reform, economic development, energy, and foreign affairs.

“Todd has served me and my office well as my chief of staff over the past five years,” said Senator Coons. “Together, we have built a strong and highly effective team which has delivered both solid bipartisan legislative wins and good outcomes for Delaware and the country. Todd's long service in the Senate across three offices, his broad network of contacts, knowledge of the legislative process, and his enduringly positive personality will make him a great addition to the Cornerstone team. I wish him all the best and look forward to many more years of friendship.”

Prior to working with Senator Coons, Webster built a strategic communications and public affairs firm working with media outlets, advocacy organizations, and political candidates, including the successful re-elections of Senators Robert Byrd and Tom Harkin. Among his accomplishments, he helped the Orioles’ and Nationals’ television

network win a landmark victory at the FCC, which enabled fans in both cities to watch their home teams play baseball.

Webster has also served as communications director and chief spokesman for Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle and for Senator Patty Murray, where he worked on a variety of aerospace, defense, and transportation issues. He served as the deputy communications director on the Gore-Lieberman campaign in 2000.

“Chris Coons represents a new generation of Senate leaders committed to developing innovative solutions to intractable problems. It has been an honor serving him and the people of Delaware for these past five years, alongside one of the smartest and most capable staffs on Capitol Hill,” Webster said. “I’m excited to join Cornerstone because of its reputation as an effective, savvy, and results-oriented firm made up of talented and rock-solid people. Their bipartisan nature and team approach has helped them to grow their presence in Washington and expand into new markets throughout the country.”

Webster has been named a “Rising Star” by *Campaigns & Elections Magazine* and one of *Roll Call’s* “Fabulous 50: Movers and Shakers on Capitol Hill.” In 2014 he received the alumni achievement award from George Washington University’s *Graduate School of Political Management*.

Webster earned his B.A. from Bowdoin College and his M.A. from George Washington University’s *Graduate School of Political Management*.

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