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**CORNERSTONE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ADDS TYLER NELSON TO TEAM**  
*Chief of Staff to Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX) to join firm's TX and DC offices*

WASHINGTON – Cornerstone Government Affairs announced Wednesday that Tyler Nelson, Chief of Staff to Congressman Pete Olson (R-TX), will be joining the firm in June. He joins Cornerstone as Vice President and will be splitting his time between the firm's Texas offices in Houston and Austin, and Washington, D.C.

"Tyler will be a great addition to our Texas and DC teams," said Tony Essalih, a member of the firm's Houston operation and himself a former House chief of staff in the Texas congressional delegation. "I've known and worked with him for years; he is a consummate professional with great knowledge and a vast network on and off the Hill. Our clients will benefit greatly from his addition."

During his seven year tenure with Congressman Olson, Nelson served in various roles including Campaign Manager, District Director and Deputy Chief of Staff. In his most recent role as Chief of Staff, Nelson managed the Congressman's Washington and Texas operations including all political, legislative and communications strategies for the Congressman. Given the Congressman's role on the Energy & Commerce Committee and the Energy & Power subcommittee, Nelson helped develop all facets of the Congressman's legislative agenda.

"Tyler has been a part of my team since I began my tenure in Congress," Representative Olson said. "His work ethic and diligence enabled him to advance through our organization from Field Representative to Chief of Staff in a short amount of time. His leadership and dedication to the people of the 22nd district of Texas will be sorely missed. I am confident Tyler will be successful in his next role - I wish him the very best."

Prior to working with Representative Olson, Nelson was a consultant with Hitachi Consulting in Houston, Texas. He was also a legislative aide with the Houston City Council. Nelson earned his B.A. from the University of Houston.

In Cornerstone's Texas offices Tyler will be joining Essalih, former chief of staff to Congressman John Culberson; Tim Schauer, former vice president for government affairs at Memorial Hermann Healthcare System; and Martin Hubert, former Deputy Comptroller and Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Texas.

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