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HATCH ANNOUNCES KEY FINANCE COMMITTEE STAFF POSITIONS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), the incoming Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee, announced today that he has selected Everett Eissenstat to serve as Chief International Trade Counsel, Jay Khosla to serve as Chief Health Counsel and Mark Prater to continue to serve as Chief Tax Counsel and Deputy Staff Director on the minority staff of the Committee.

“I’m honored that these three highly-qualified and well-respected individuals have agreed to serve as the lead policy analysts on the Finance Committee’s primary areas of responsibility – taxes, trade and health care,” said Hatch. “Each has served with distinction and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job.”

Everett Eissenstat will serve as Chief International Trade Counsel on the minority staff of the Senate Finance Committee. He is leaving a position as Assistant U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) for the Western Hemisphere, a position he’s held since 2006. In that capacity, Mr. Eissenstat served as the lead negotiator for U.S. trade agreements in the region, including the U.S.-North America Trade Agreement, the U.S.-Central American-Dominican Republic Trade Agreement, and U.S. trade agreements with Chile, Peru, Colombia and Panama. He also helped lead policy development on the Trans-Pacific Economic Partnership, managed U.S. trade relations with MERCOSUR and its member countries, and oversaw U.S. trade preference programs in the region. Before joining USTR, Eissenstat served as the Chief International Trade Counsel on the Senate Finance Committee. Prior to that, he served as Congressman Jim Kolbe’s Legislative Director. From 1994 to 1995, he was employed as an attorney with the firm of Dixon and Dixon in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Eissenstat received his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, an M.A. in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, and a B.S. in Political Science and Spanish from Oklahoma State University.

Jay Khosla will serve as Chief Health Counsel on the minority staff of the Senate Finance Committee. He currently serves as Senior Health Counsel and Legislative Director for Senator Orrin Hatch. During the 2008 presidential campaign, Mr. Khosla was Arizona Sen. John McCain’s senior health policy advisor. Prior to the campaign, he served as health counsel for the U.S. Senate Budget Committee and prior to that as health counsel for former Senate Majority Leader William Frist. A Virginia native, he has his B.S. in biology from Virginia Commonwealth University, a J.D. from the University of Richmond’s law school, and a master’s degree in health administration from Virginia Commonwealth University’s medical school.

Mark Prater will continue to serve as the Chief Tax Counsel and Deputy Staff Director on the minority staff of the Senate Finance Committee, positions he’s held since 2007. An Oregon native, he has worked on tax issues for the Committee for two decades. In January 1990, Mr. Prater joined the Finance Committee as a tax counsel, working his way to become chief tax

counsel. A member of the Oregon and Washington State bars in 1984 and a certified public accountant, Mr. Prater worked in private practice from 1984 to 1990. A graduate of Portland State University, he obtained a J.D. from Willamette University in 1984 and an LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida in 1987.

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