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REID MAKES LEADERSHIP TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Washington, DC—Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid announced today that long-time aide David McCallum will continue to serve the Majority Leader as Deputy Chief of Staff. McCallum is the longest-serving senior aide in Sen. Reid's office, with more than 10 years under his belt. Prior to this job, McCallum worked with Senators John Breaux, Barbara Mikulski and Pat Moynihan.

“David has made the trains of this organization run on time for years. His service over the years has been invaluable to me and to our team, and I am grateful for his continued contribution.”

Senator Reid also announced that he is appointing Bill Dauster as Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Assistant to the Leader for Floor Operations. Dauster replaces Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative Policy Randy DeValck, who has decided to leave after a long career in the Senate.

"Many Senate Democratic leaders and Senators have relied heavily on Randy's expertise and guidance on virtually every major policy issue during his 24 years in the Senate, including 16 years in the Democratic Leader's office. Randy has worked these many years in the Senate because of his strong commitment to public service," Reid said. "While I had hoped his service would continue for the 112th Congress, I understand his decision to leave. Words can't express how much I appreciate his hard work. I sincerely wish him the best as he opens the next chapter of his life."

In addition to Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy for Senator Reid, DeValck has served as Senior Analyst for Budget and Appropriations and National Security and Homeland Defense for Democratic Leader Tom Daschle. From 1987 to 1995 he served on the Senate Budget Committee as Assistant Staff Director and Senior Analyst for National Defense .

Dauster has served as Chief Counsel and then Democratic Chief of Staff for the Budget Committee, Democratic Chief of Staff for the Labor and Human Resources Committee, Counselor for the Wellstone Presidential Exploratory Committee, Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Legislative Director for Senator Russ Feingold. Since 2003 he has been Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel for the Finance Committee.

"With his distinguished background, Nevada and the nation will be fortunate to have Bill Dauster working on their behalf. I look forward to putting his skills to work as we address the serious challenges facing our country," Reid said.

In addition, Darrel Thompson has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Staff for Intergovernmental and External Affairs. While continuing his existing duties, Thompson will also take the lead in working with federal and state officials, and business leaders to foster economic opportunities in Nevada. Thompson will also take a major role in implementing national and state outreach operations.

Before joining Senator Reid, Thompson was the Chief of Staff for the Barack Obama for U.S. Senate campaign, and served in several senior positions to former House Democratic Leader, Richard Gephardt.

“Darrel’s experience has been an asset to our team. I’m glad he’s moving into a new role with our organization, and employers and workers alike in both Nevada and across the nation are lucky to have him watching over their interests,” Reid said.

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