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## **THE RABEN GROUP'S LICY DO CANTO TO LAUNCH FIRM**

### **Do Canto to Become President of the Newly Formed Public Affairs Firm, The Do Canto Group**

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*Washington, DC* – The Raben Group announced today that Licy M. Do Canto, a principal and co-director of the firm’s health and education practice group, will be founding The Do Canto Group, LLC, which will specialize in public health and health care legislative and regulatory policy, with a particular focus on underserved communities. TDG will be dedicated to providing clients with a range of services, including policy development and analysis, coalition building, direct lobbying and strategic counsel and communications. The Raben Group and TDG will collaborate and work closely together on a number of clients.

“Licy Do Canto is an extremely effective and accomplished professional who has contributed enormously to our firm, and has done a first-rate job on behalf of our clients. I appreciate the dedication and passion he has brought to the Raben Group,” said Robert Raben, founder and president of The Raben Group. “I congratulate Licy on this new endeavor and am excited to work with him on great clients from day one, and look forward to growing business together.”

“The Raben Group is a remarkable company with an inspiring firm culture, and I have been tremendously privileged and honored to work with Robert Raben and the dedicated people who comprise the Raben Group,” said Do Canto. “I am excited about this new chapter in my professional career, and I am very grateful to Robert and his team for their support.”

Do Canto will remain at The Raben Group as a principal through October 31. The Do Canto Group will partner with the firm on a number of existing Raben Group clients, including AARP, The California Endowment, Community Voices of the Morehouse School of Medicine, Compassion and Choices and the Fisheries Survival Fund. The Raben Group will also work closely with The Do Canto Group on several new Do Canto Group clients, including The Nurse Family Partnership, First Focus, the New York State Health Foundation and the Direct Care Alliance.

Prior to his work with the Raben Group, Do Canto served as CEO of the AIDS Alliance for Children Youth and Families. He also served as federal affairs director for the National Association of Community Health Centers for more than five years, during which he founded and chaired the Partnership for Medicaid. Do Canto also has worked for the American Cancer Society Government Relations Office, and on Capitol Hill, having served as an aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA). He is 1995 graduate of Duke University and holds a professional certificate in public health leadership from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Public Health.

Do Canto recently was named one of the top lobbyists in Washington DC for 2010 by the Capitol Hill newspaper, *The Hill*.

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