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## **CHRIS W. COX ANNOUNCES DAVID LEHMAN WILL JOIN CAPITOL 6 ADVISORS AS VICE PRESIDENT**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chris W. Cox, one of the country’s most successful public affairs strategists and problem solvers, today announced that David Lehman will join Capitol 6 Advisors as Vice President. With this addition, Cox continues to grow his firm, having added Phil Hoon as Vice President in September. Launched in August and headquartered in Washington D.C., Capitol 6 Advisors is a full-service public affairs and public policy agency that provides long-range strategic consulting, crisis management and brand positioning services for companies and organizations with complex problems.

“David Lehman is one of the most savvy and strategically smart leaders I’ve ever worked with. We’ve spent nearly 18 years as colleagues and I couldn’t be more thrilled and honored that he’s joining us at Capitol 6 Advisors. David and I have been through tremendous battles together over the years and I am lucky to have him at my side again,” Cox said of Lehman.

Lehman most recently served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel of the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action (ILA). For nearly two decades, Lehman was one of the NRA’s principal political, policy and legal strategists.

“To succeed in business, it takes an unwavering dedication to quality, both in product and in relationships. David Lehman has consistently demonstrated that dedication throughout his career,” said August A. Busch III, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Anheuser- Busch Companies. “David’s integrity and expertise in executing winning campaigns, along with Chris Cox, will make Capitol 6 Advisors the preeminent consulting firm in Washington.”

“After 25 years of complex problem-solving in the political, legislative and legal arenas, I am excited to join Chris Cox and Phil Hoon at Capitol 6 Advisors to put those skills to work on behalf of our clients,” said Lehman.

### **About David Lehman**

David most recently served as Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel of the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action (ILA) from 2002 to late 2019. In that capacity, David was one of the NRA’s principal political, policy and legal strategists. As ILA’s General Counsel, David led all of its efforts in the legal arena, overseeing a team of inside and outside counsel and achieving numerous victories in federal and state courts across the country. Perhaps most notably, he was responsible for the organization’s role in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *District of Columbia v. Heller* and *McDonald v. City of Chicago*, in which the Court held that the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the fundamental, individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.

In the political arena, David helped lead ILA’s election efforts in every cycle since 2002, overseeing direct mail, grassroots, digital, television and radio advertising. He was responsible for all aspects of ILA’s political campaigns, including creative message development, advertising production and placement, grassroots targeting and ILA’s extensive direct mail outreach.

Legislatively, David was instrumental in successfully enacting laws to protect self-defense and Second Amendment rights across the country. Among these was the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which protected U.S. firearms manufacturers from being driven into bankruptcy through frivolous lawsuits.

Through this experience, David developed a strong expertise in strategic communications and crisis management, as well as the ability to successfully design, develop and execute winning political and grassroots campaigns. Before joining NRA, David was a consultant with Hall, Green, Rupli and the Federalist Group, advising clients on a variety of intellectual property and telecommunications issues. From 1994 to 2001, he worked in the U.S. Congress, serving as Legal Counsel for Reps. Jimmy Duncan (R-Tenn.) and Lamar Smith (R-Texas), as well as Chief of Staff for Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.).

David is a graduate of Biola University and Loyola of Los Angeles Law School. He is a member of the California and U.S. Supreme Court bars. A California native, David resides in Virginia with his family.

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