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## ***The Podesta Group Announces Addition of Key Strategist***

WASHINGTON, DC – Tony Podesta announced today that Paul Brathwaite, a long tenured and highly regarded Democratic hill staffer, will be joining as a Principal of the Podesta Group, a bipartisan government relations and public affairs firm. Brathwaite currently serves as the Executive Director for the 43-Member Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), where he is responsible for coordinating all domestic and foreign policy legislative initiatives for the Caucus.

Prior to joining the CBC in January 2001, Brathwaite was the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor. Paul's other professional experiences include working in the Department of Transportation's General Counsel's Honors Program, on Capitol Hill for then-Congressman Tom Carper and Congressman Mike Castle, and for former New York Governor Mario Cuomo.

Brathwaite has received numerous awards during his distinguished public service, including the inaugural Brenda Pillors Award from the *Foundation for Ethnic Understanding* and two recent selections as one of *Roll Call's* Fabulous Fifty staffers on Capitol Hill.

"Paul is a number one draft choice in any year," said Podesta. "He has broad experience on the hill and in the executive branch. He has been a leader there, and he will be at the firm as well."

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