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Key Oversight Staff Director to Join Podesta Group

Tony Podesta, Chairman of the Podesta Group, announced today that David Marin will be joining the firm on February 19, 2008, as a Principal.

"David is that rare Hill staffer who's excelled at both policy and press. That's a perfect fit for our firm," said Podesta. "Our clients will now have access to the strategic vision and leadership he's shown on so many fronts: oversight, legislation, and communications. He's been a leading voice in many of the battles critical to our clients. He knows their issues and speaks their language. His work in investigations will be invaluable for clients seeking crisis response strategy and communications. And he has the relationships and credibility – with the media, with the private sector, and with Members and staff on both sides of the aisle -- to make a difference for them."

Marin currently serves as the Minority Staff Director of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. He previously served as Majority Staff Director, and was also the lead staffer for the Select Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina. He is the chief aide, spokesman, and speechwriter for Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA.)

Marin has overseen some of the highest profile congressional investigations in recent years, including steroid use in professional sports, the performance of Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security contractors, and the treatment of wounded veterans at Walter Reed. He also has been prolific in the legislative arena, shepherding to passage the EGovernment Act of 2002, the Services Acquisition Reform Act, the General Services Administration Modernization Act, the Federal Information Security Management Act, and many other "good government" bills. He has earned a reputation as an expert on procurement, information technology, civil service, and homeland security issues.

Marin began his federal government career in 1999 as press secretary to Rep. Davis and the House Subcommittee on the District of Columbia. He later served as Legislative Director in Davis' personal office before re-joining the Government Reform Committee staff when Davis became Chairman in 2003. He has long played a prominent role in the congressional relationship with the District of Columbia, handling such issues as the push for D.C. voting rights, the federal government's investment in the Metro system, and the D.C. College Access Act, which allows high school graduates in the nation's capital to attend colleges around the nation at in-state rates.

Prior to joining Rep. Davis, Marin was an award-winning journalist with the Montgomery (MD) Journal and the Connection newspapers in Northern Virginia. His media background has enabled him to form effective and enduring relationships with the national, regional, and trade press.

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