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**Podesta Group Continues Expansion with Hire of Two New Senior Strategists**  
*Long-Time Democratic Hill Staffers are Latest Hire for the Bipartisan Firm*

WASHINGTON – The Podesta Group announced today the addition of Lantie Slenzak and Donnice (“Donni”) Turner to its roster of policy strategists. Both will primarily be developing and implementing Capitol Hill strategies – with Donni focusing on homeland security issues and Lantie on health care.

“We have a number of clients in the homeland security space, and our international and national security practice is a growth area for our firm,” said Podesta. “Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics are among those we represent, and Donni is a great addition to our team.”

“We are at an equally exciting crossroads with our health care practice,” continued Podesta, “which has also seen enormous growth over the last few years. Lantie has an extraordinary amount of experience in the health policy arena and is working hand-in-hand with our health care policy practice director to help advance our clients’ priorities.”

Lantie came to the Podesta Group after serving as Legislative Director for Representative Gene Green (D-TX). Her primary responsibility in that role was to advance Rep. Green’s health care priorities on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and to provide guidance on a wide variety of health care initiatives. She was also a Deputy Press Secretary for then-Senator Hollings, a Legislative Assistant for Representative John Spratt, and a News Researcher and Writer for Congressional Quarterly. Lantie received a Master of Arts degree from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Arts from Davidson College.

Prior to coming to the firm, Donni served as a Legislative Assistant for Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), where she focused on a variety of legislative and political matters. Her portfolio included – among other things – homeland security, housing, and governmental affairs issues. She also served as Legislative Director for Representative David Scott (D-GA) and as Senior Staff Counsel/Legislative Assistant for Max Cleland (D-GA). Donni received her Juris Doctorate from Howard University Law School. She also received a Master of Arts degree from Clark Atlanta University and a Bachelor of arts from Spelman College.

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