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Drew Lumpkin Joins Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable as Vice President

Norfolk, Virginia – The Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable is pleased to announce that Drew Lumpkin will join the organization as vice president, external affairs and strategic initiatives, effective May 1, 2024. In this new role, Lumpkin will lead regional economic development initiatives and advocacy, with a focus on federal grants, funding, and other opportunities for the Hampton Roads region.

Lumpkin served most recently as regional director for the Office of U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner (D-VA) and has held positions in Senator Warner’s Regional Office since 2010. He has over 20 years of experience in policy development, outreach operations and engagement, and partnership development among public and private sector audiences. He holds a BA in Psychology from Virginia Tech and a Master of Divinity from Wake Forest University.

“We are excited for Drew to join the Roundtable team,” said **Dennis Matheis, co-chair, Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, and president and ceo, Sentara Health**. “The Roundtable works to advance regional economic growth, and we have identified increased federal partnerships as a priority focus ahead. I am confident Drew’s experience will help us with this objective.”

“Drew brings significant expertise, knowledge, and collaboration from his prior roles,” stated **Cliff Fleet, co-chair, Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, and president and ceo, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation**. “We look forward to his impact with our regional initiatives.”

“As my regional director, Drew Lumpkin has flawlessly bridged Congress and the Hampton Roads community, providing invaluable outreach to Virginia’s diverse communities and keeping his finger on the pulse of the most salient issues in the region, from offshore wind and Jefferson Lab, to the COVID-19 response,” said **U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner (D-VA)**. “Over the course of 15 years, I’ve been lucky to count on Drew’s insights and counsel. I trust that he will continue to excel in this next venture, and that his sharp instincts, commitment to public service, and hardworking nature will serve him well at the Roundtable.”

“Hampton Roads competes with other regions across the country for economic growth, talent attraction/retention, and other key attributes,” said **Nancy Grden, president and ceo, Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable**. “Drew’s new leadership role can be considered as an investment in our regional outcomes ahead.”

“I am thrilled to step into my new role at the Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable, and I look forward to working alongside these incredible leaders to drive meaningful impact in our community,” said **Drew Lumpkin**. “After a decade and a half in public service, I am excited to

continue to work on large, regional initiatives to help grow our economy and create high paying jobs in Hampton Roads.”

About Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable

The Hampton Roads Executive Roundtable (Roundtable) is a regional economic development organization that provides strategic leadership to create more and higher paying jobs, grow key industry clusters and ecosystems, and incorporate innovation. It represents 16 unique cities and counties and also serves as Support Organization for the Region 5 Council of Virginia's innovative GO Virginia program.

The Roundtable was established in 2023 by combining the Hampton Roads Business Roundtable and Reinvent Hampton Roads to better align and coordinate economic development strategy, advocacy, and initiatives for the region. For more information, please visit our website www.roundtablehr.org