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**MEHLMAN CASTAGNETTI ROSEN & THOMAS
HIRES SENIOR HILL VETERAN STEVE HARO**

WASHINGTON — The bipartisan government affairs firm, Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas, announced today that it has hired long-time Capitol Hill chief of staff and former Obama administration official, Steve Haro, as its newest principal.

“Steve understands the process of getting things done in Washington, which is right in line with our firm’s bipartisan mission,” David Castagnetti said. “His policy work has spanned countless issues, disciplines and Congressional committees. As a former assistant secretary of Commerce, a chief of staff to two senators and a House member, a senior advisor to a former member of the House leadership, and a campaign veteran who has run multiple successful races in various states, Steve brings to the firm a unique broad-based background that will provide our clients with a holistic view of government, policy and politics that few can match.”

“I have been fortunate to know and work collaboratively with the talented folks at Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas for many years now,” Haro said. “It is a team-oriented firm comprised of top-tier talent who are not only highly intelligent and effective, but are also just wonderful people. The fact that they have asked me to be their colleague is a true honor, and I am looking forward to working alongside them and advocating on behalf of our current and future clients.”

ABOUT STEVE HARO

Prior to joining Mehlman Castagnetti Rosen & Thomas, Steve Haro served as chief of staff to United States Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) where he ran the largest member office in Congress by personnel and budget. In 2015, Haro was nominated by former President Barack Obama and confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate to serve as an assistant secretary of Commerce. Prior to his role at Commerce, Haro spent nearly seven years serving as chief of staff to the Honorable Martin Heinrich (D-NM) — first in the House of Representatives and then in the United States Senate.

In 2008 Haro worked for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee as the organization’s western regional political director and national Hispanic outreach director. Before joining the DCCC, Haro was the senior adviser to former Representative Xavier Becerra of California, who was then the assistant to the speaker of the House of Representatives. As a member of the House leadership staff, Haro played a critical role counseling the Congressman and other members of the Democratic Caucus on major policy issues including economics, health care, immigration, trade, and the federal budget. It was in this capacity for Rep. Becerra

that Hispanic Business Magazine named Haro to its prestigious Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. list. Haro's other roles with Rep. Becerra included press secretary, communications director and legislative director.

In 2004, Haro was the Colorado communications director and chief spokesperson for Senator John Kerry's presidential campaign. Early on in his career, he was the public affairs manager for the Los Angeles office of the international public relations firm, The MWW Group.

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