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COMMONWEALTH STRATEGIC PARTNERS ADDS FITZPATRICK CHIEF OF STAFF TO EXPAND PENNSYLVANIA PRESENCE

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Commonwealth Strategic Partners today announced the addition of Capitol Hill and Pennsylvania political veteran Michael J. Conallen, Jr. as Director, Pennsylvania Operations.

“Mike brings over 20 years of federal, state, and local government experience to CSP,” said CSP Managing Partner George McElwee. “Those decades of experience are all in support of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. And as we look to expand CSP’s presence in PA, Mike is an obvious choice to oversee the firm’s Pennsylvania operations.”

“Since CSP’s founding in 2014, we have taken a very strategic and disciplined approach toward expansion,” said CSP Managing Partner Keith Pemrick. “Once we decided to expand in the state, we knew Mike would seamlessly fit into our operation.”

Most recently, Mike served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01). He also served as Chief of Staff to Congressman Curt Weldon (PA-07) and Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick (PA-08) and has consulted on dozens of Pennsylvania campaigns at the local, state, and federal level.

"I'm eager to join a firm with such a strong vision and strategic direction for its future," Conallen said. "As the political environment continues to evolve in Pennsylvania and beyond, I look forward to creating value for the firm's current and future clients."

In addition to serving as Chief of Staff to three Members of Congress, former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett appointed Conallen Deputy CEO at the Delaware River Port Authority where he oversaw an authority with more than 900 employees and \$300 million in annual revenue.

Conallen, a native of Southeast Pennsylvania, is a cum laude graduate of Temple University, where he majored in Political Science, and received his law degree, cum laude, from Temple University School of Law in Philadelphia.

Conallen serves our nation as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy Reserve. An Iraq War veteran, Lieutenant Commander Conallen served overseas supporting SEAL Team 4 from 2009 to 2011. Conallen also served overseas in Jordan and in Washington, D.C. as a staff member to the Commander, Office of Naval Intelligence.

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