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## Monument Welcomes House Legislative Director as Food & Agriculture Practice Expands

**Washington, D.C.** – Monument Advocacy announced today that John Weber has joined its Government Relations team, as part of the firm's rapidly growing Food & Agriculture practice. Most recently, John served as Legislative Director for Representative Dusty Johnson (R-SD) and previously was a member of the House Agriculture Committee staff under the leadership of Chairman Mike Conaway (R-TX). John will be based in Monument's D.C. office.

T.A. Hawks, who leads Monument's Food & Agriculture practice, said, "We are excited to have John join our growing team. As a well-respected and outcomes-focused leader on Capitol Hill, John will become a critical member of our food and agriculture group and will utilize his background as a Legislative Director to assist a wide array of our clients. John has built a reputation for getting things done, and with major ag and other policy issues on the immediate horizon, his help and guidance will be invaluable for our clients on day one."

"The decision to leave the Hill is never easy, but I could not be more excited to continue my career with Monument Advocacy," said John. "Over the years, I've had the pleasure of working on teams that deliver policy goals with integrity. Monument Advocacy has a top-notch, bipartisan reputation, and I look forward to bringing my experience to help their clients reach their strategic policy goals."

"John has been a trusted advisor to me since my first days in Congress. He's made a name for himself in the agriculture industry, and Monument Advocacy is lucky to add him to their ranks. His knowledge of Farm Bill programs and ability to steer major pieces of legislation to passage, even in the Minority, will serve his clients well in the years to come. John knows how to get things done, and I know that attitude will play a key role in policymaking in the days ahead. He will be sorely missed, but I am excited to see what John accomplishes on this new journey," said U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson (R-SD).

## **About John:**

John Weber joins Monument after serving as Legislative Director for U.S. Representative Dusty Johnson and as committee staff for the House Agriculture Committee under the leadership of Chairman Conaway. During his time on the Agriculture Committee, John negotiated provisions related to conservation, forestry, livestock, energy, and credit issues throughout the drafting of the 2018 Farm Bill. John has experience working in a bipartisan fashion to address problems and has seen legislative success with his bosses on issues related to trade, transportation, environment, natural resources, tax, and energy. John brings a grassroots approach and understanding of agriculture policy through roots on his family's farm where they still manage a small cattle operation. He began his career on Capitol Hill with former U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and graduated from South Dakota State University.

## **About Monument Advocacy:**

Monument Advocacy is a bipartisan firm that offers government relations, public affairs, strategic and crisis communications, and digital services. We focus on providing our clients with the best advice on how to engage effectively in today's challenging and crowded public policy marketplace.

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