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**LEWIS LAVINE TO RETURN TO THE INGRAM GROUP**

*Lavine, revered community leader and current president of the Center for Nonprofit Management, will return to The Ingram Group this year as Senior Strategist for the team*

NASHVILLE – Lewis Lavine, President of the Center for Nonprofit Management (CNM) since 2005, will return to The Ingram Group, Nashville’s venerable strategic consulting firm, as Senior Strategist, Founder Tom Ingram announced today. Lavine, a visionary community leader whose experience includes more than 17 years with The Ingram Group, previously served as both Chairman and President of the Group from 1990 until 2004.

In addition to Lavine’s time at the helm of the CNM and The Ingram Group, collectively more than three decades, his extensive political and community experience also includes a leadership role on the transition team for current Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, which Ingram chaired, and a stint as chief of staff during then-Governor Lamar Alexander’s second term, as well as numerous significant civic positions and board appointments. In 2015, Lavine received the prestigious Ned R. McWherter Leadership Award by the Tennessee Centre for Performance Excellence.

“When The Frist Foundation conceived CNM 30 years ago, we had always hoped it would become the voice of the nonprofit community,” said Pete Bird, president of the foundation. “Under Lewis Lavine’s leadership, that dream has been realized.”

The addition of Lavine follows a significant announcement from The Ingram Group in late 2015 that Greg Hinote, former Deputy Mayor to Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, would join the Group as Managing Director of the team’s offices in both Nashville and Washington, DC. Both of these prominent personnel additions are exciting and timely as the Group continues to expand its reach and offer clients the highest levels of service.

“I’m incredibly excited and optimistic about our recent growth. Lewis’ work with the Center has put Nashville’s nonprofit community on the map nationally and his leadership, strategic skills, and integrity have been invaluable to this important piece of the fabric of Nashville,” Ingram said of his longtime friend and colleague, “We’re thrilled to have him back on the team at the Group and look forward to working together to tackle big problems and maximize important opportunities for our clients and our community.”

Lavine will make the transition from the center back to the group after the center's 30th anniversary celebration later this year.

Ingram is a former newspaper reporter and served as then-Governor Lamar Alexander’s Deputy and Chief of Staff. He went to DC in 2002 to serve as newly-elected Senator Alexander’s Chief of Staff and simultaneously for several years as Staff Director of the Republican Conference before rejoining his business in Nashville and opening the Washington office. Ingram has also overseen winning political campaigns for Alexander (Tennessee Governor’s race, 1978 and 1982; U.S. Senate race, 2002, 2008, and 2014), Senator Bob Corker (U.S. Senate race 2006 and 2012), and Governor Bill Haslam (Tennessee Governor’s race, 2010 and 2014), among many others.

The addition of Lavine and Hinote brings the Group’s roster in its two offices to 16, including four former congressional chiefs of staff on both sides of the political aisle. The Nashville office is home to a team of experienced consultants, Beecher Frasier, a proven lobbyist and former Chief of Staff to Congressman Lincoln Davis; Marcille Durham, a 30-year veteran of the Group; Rachel Albright, a former communications staffer to U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell; and Sam Reed, who previously served as Democrat Congressman Jim Cooper’s legal counsel.

The Group also boasts a team of respected Washington operatives based in the DC office, Bernie Toon, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Joe Biden when he was a U.S. Senator, as well as Chief of Staff to a variety of other House and Senate members over a 30-year career at the highest levels of government; lobbyist and former staffer to U.S. Senator Alan Simpson, Jennifer Johnson; Dan McCarthy, former Senior Director of National Affairs for Anheuser-Busch and White House aide to President George W. Bush; Jeff Wiener, a public affairs specialist and former Legislative Advisor to Senator Mary Landrieu; and, John Milne, a longtime Washington lobbyist and the former Director of Federal Government Affairs for 3M.

The Group’s Nashville offices are housed in the First Tennessee building at 511 Union Street and the Washington offices are located at 601 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.

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