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**TOP HOUSE LEADERSHIP AIDE JOINS ELMENDORF STRATEGIES
COGORNO SERVED AS FLOOR DIRECTOR TO MAJORITY LEADER**

Washington, DC – Elmendorf Strategies, LLC today announced the hiring of senior House leadership aide and appropriations specialist Rob Cogorno. Cogorno most recently served as Floor Director to Representative Steny Hoyer in both his Majority Leader and Democratic Whip offices.

As a top aide to Hoyer, Cogorno oversaw the Leader's floor staff, which directs day-to-day legislative activity in the House. Cogorno also served as the leader's chief liaison to both committees and Members and their staffs to manage Democratic strategy counting votes and build support for leadership-backed legislation.

"As a counselor to House Democratic Leaders Steny Hoyer and Dick Gephardt, Rob has been at the center of every major public policy fight in Congress over the last fifteen years," said Steve Elmendorf, founder and president of the firm. "Rob brings an unparalleled expertise in legislative process to Elmendorf Strategies offering our clients a singular understanding of the complex dynamics in the House of Representatives and the House Democratic Caucus. Those dynamics ultimately shape legislative decisions for the two parties on both sides of the Capitol."

Prior to working for Rep. Hoyer, Cogorno served as Research Director and Appropriations Policy Advisor to House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt for eight years. As a senior advisor to Gephardt, Cogorno developed floor strategy for the consideration of all appropriations bills and served as the Leader's chief liaison to the House Appropriations Committee. During the Clinton Administration, Cogorno's role required that he regularly coordinate activities with the White House and relevant federal departments and agencies. Additional legislative experience includes positions with U.S. Senator Brock Adams and U.S. Representatives Rosa DeLauro, Peter Visclosky, James A. Hayes, Cathy Long and Gillis Long.

"When control of Congress changed, it affected the agendas on every committee and subcommittee," said Cogorno. "I'm excited to bring my experience working with those new players to one of the fastest growing firms in Washington."

In addition to Elmendorf, Cogorno joins a firm that includes former Senate aides Jamie Houton and Kristie Kennedy and top House aide Shanti Stanton.

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