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## FORMER CONGRESSMAN J.C. WATTS, JR., APPOINTS VETERAN DEMOCRATS TO MANAGEMENT TEAM

**WASHINGTON:** Chairman J.C. Watts, Jr. recently appointed veteran Democrats Steve Pruitt and Holly Pitt Young to head Watts Partners. Watts Partners is the government relations arm of the J.C. Watts Companies.

“Steve and Holly both have a proven track record of successfully working with members of Congress as well as large corporations and trade associations. Combined, they bring more than 40 years of fundraising and consulting experience to our company and will be a great addition to my management team,” said J.C. Watts, Jr., Chairman of the J.C. Watts Companies.



In his new role as managing partner, Steve Pruitt is responsible for spearheading bipartisan political strategies for the firm and its clients. In a distinguished Washington career spanning more than three decades, Steve has earned a reputation as a respected and knowledgeable congressional legislative and public policy expert and strategist. He has served under congressional Democrats in numerous key positions, including as Staff Director of the Committee on the Budget of the United States House of Representatives and as a senior legislative and political advisor to Congressman William H. Gray, III (D-PA). Steve holds the honor of being the first African American to ever direct the staff of a major congressional committee.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to grow this firm's presence and activities in the government relations arena. We have an experienced and talented team of former White House and Capitol Hill veterans whom I look forward to leading in the years ahead," said Pruitt.

Holly Pitt Young now serves as associate managing partner, responsible for working with the team on client development. Holly brings to her new role more than 15 years of experience working with organizations to develop successful government affairs strategies. Prior to joining Watts Partners, she served as Senior Vice President for the Political Involvement Practice at Democracy Data & Communications. Holly has worked with over 100 corporations, trade associations, and non-profit organizations to develop strategic government relations and constituent mobilization programs.

“My experience with both Republicans and Democrats has instilled in me the knowledge of working on policy issues that represents the best of both parties in a bipartisan way,” said Holly Pitt Young.

In addition, Holly has hosted events and fundraisers for more than 60 Members of Congress and worked on Capitol Hill for Representatives Charles Taylor of North Carolina and Doc Hastings of Washington State.

