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### **David Caplan joins Global Public Affairs**

**Toronto, ON** - Global Public Affairs (Global) is pleased to announce former Ontario Cabinet Minister David Caplan as Vice Chairman of Global Public Affairs and the newest addition to the team, effective in the New Year. David Caplan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Global with a substantial and in-depth background in health care and public infrastructure.

“We are delighted that David has chosen to join the team as he shares the same ethos of dedication to client service, a focus on bottom-line business results for clients while participating and contributing to the public policy process,” said Randy Pettipas, President and CEO. “We are excited about the contribution he will make not only to our clients but also to the development and growth of our team across the country.”

Elected to Queen’s Park in 1997, Caplan was appointed to several high ranking portfolios including; Deputy Government House Leader, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care during his 14 years as MPP for Don Valley East.

“Global has the largest practice group of its kind focused on health and life sciences and one that is increasingly positioned in provincial jurisdictions. With the focus on innovation in the upcoming re-negotiation of the Canada Health Accord, David’s hands on expertise in this kind of complicated federal-provincial framework will be invaluable to our clients in this sector,” stated Randy Pettipas.

Further, with David’s addition, Global will also be expanding its focus on infrastructure, an area for which Global is already a recognized leader. As the federal government begins discussions with municipalities on an infrastructure needs assessment to replace and extend the Building Canada Plan, project proponents will benefit from David’s experience in this critical area. Alternative service delivery will be a prime focus for all jurisdictions given current fiscal constraints in this policy debate.

As Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Caplan was responsible for leading the modernization of the province’s infrastructure and planning for future population and economic growth. He released Ontario’s first long-term infrastructure investment strategy

called ReNew Ontario, which used a private financing model expanding and building new hospitals, schools, colleges and universities, and transit and transportation systems. Caplan was responsible for the *Places to Grow Act*, which allows for a better way of accommodating growth across the province through the development of growth plans.

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