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Lauren Bazel and Sheila Kennett join top bipartisan, bicameral government affairs consulting firm

January 13, 2014 – WASHINGTON, DC: **Lauren Bazel**, formerly a senior advisor to Senators John Kerry (D-MA), William Cowan (D-MA) and Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and **Sheila Kennett**, previously Director of Scheduling and Operations for Senator John Rockefeller (D-WV) and former Scheduler for Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), have joined the Alpine Group, a bipartisan and bicameral government affairs consulting firm located on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Bazel expands the firm’s tax, trade and finance policy practice. During her tenure on Capitol Hill, her primary focus was on those three policy arenas as well as economic and budgetary policy. She previously served as Associate Director for Government Affairs at the Center for American Progress. Ms. Bazel’s experience also includes work as the chief tax reporter for the *BNA Daily Tax Report* and as a Senior Manager at Washington Council Ernst & Young. She joins the Alpine Group as a Vice President.

Ms. Kennett joins the Alpine Group as Director of Operations and Client Services. She performed similar responsibilities as a senior aide for both Senators Rockefeller and Gregg for a decade, handling myriad planning, scheduling and coordination functions for the Senators. Ms Kennett’s professional experience also includes serving as Director of Member Services at The Health Management Academy.

“We are excited to have both Lauren and Sheila both with such extensive experience, high skill and strong reputations join the firm,” said Greg Means, Principal and CFO of the Alpine Group. “Alpine Group is committed to growing and improving our client services by bringing on the most experienced and qualified professionals available. We’re thrilled to have Lauren and Sheila join our team. ”

“Lauren expands our already substantial tax and finance practice and will help provide even more value to our clients with her political and substantive knowledge of tax and trade policy, while Sheila brings a wealth of experience and relationships that will further streamline our operations and relations with our dozens of clients,” Means added.

[The Alpine Group](#) is listed by numerous Washington publications as a top twenty-five government affairs consulting firm (based on annual revenues). The firm, created in 1996, has 17 members and approximately 65 clients representing energy, telecommunications, technology, health care, tax, transportation, and a range other industries and interests.

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