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## Former Congressman Dennis M. Hertel joins The Franklin Partnership as Of Counsel

Washington, D.C. November 1, 2011- The Franklin Partnership today announced that Dennis M. Hertel, a six-term former Democratic member of Congress from Michigan will join the firm as Of Counsel, effective immediately.

Congressman Hertel served on the House Armed Services Committee for 12 years and was chairman of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee and ranking member on the Research and Development Subcommittee. He also chaired the House Oceanography, Great Lakes, and Outer Continental Shelf Subcommittee for six years, served on the Coast Guard Subcommittee and the former House Select Committee on Aging and its Health Subcommittee.

During his U.S. congressional career, Congressman Hertel was the Michigan Democratic Whip and the vice-chairman of the Democratic Study Group. Prior to his service in Washington, he spent three terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, where he chaired the Judiciary Committee.

Hertel is Vice President of the International Election Monitors Institute and President of the United States Former Members of Congress Association. He is a ten-year board member of Council for a Community of Democracies, 12-year board member of Congressional Hunger Center, and he remains active in both state and national Democratic political campaigns.

The Franklin Partnership, a bi-partisan government relations consulting firm, was founded in 2005 by John Guzik, Omar Nashashibi and Pete Rose. Mr. Guzik is formerly Chief of Staff to House Ways and Means Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI), Mr. Nashashibi hails from OMB and Mr. Rose was Legislative Director to former Congressman and Secretary of the Army Pete Geren (D-TX).

"I am very pleased to be Of Counsel to The Franklin Partnership," stated Hertel. "I believe there will be real synergy here to expand the firm's practice in many areas, to include health care, defense, transportation and infrastructure and taxes and finance to name a few. John Guzik and I served with both sides of the aisle in the Michigan Delegation for many years and I look forward to our continuing work as a team on behalf of Michigan's citizens and our clients."