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## AHAM NAMES KEVIN MESSNER VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 4, 2008)**—The Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) has named Kevin Messner Vice President of Government Relations.

Messner will be responsible for directing and implementing AHAM's legislative, regulatory, political and grassroots programs. As Vice President of Government Relations, he will play a key role in advancing AHAM's positions on public policy issues.

"Kevin's leadership experience in Congress and the executive branch of the U.S. government, combined with his manufacturing background position him extremely well to help lead AHAM's advocacy efforts. We are excited he is joining our team as we prepare for a full legislative and regulatory agenda next year," said Joseph McGuire, AHAM President.

Prior to joining AHAM, Kevin served as Associate Administrator of the Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs at the U.S. General Services Administration. Kevin worked in Congress for nearly 10 years, ending as Chief of Staff for U.S. Rep. Jim Kolbe, Chairman of the Foreign Operations Appropriations subcommittee. Kevin's private sector experience includes working as an engineer with General Motors.

Kevin earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and an MBA in International Finance from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

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