



## **Trust For America's Health Announces Hiring Of Richard Hamburg As New Director Of Government Relations**

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**Washington, DC, January 21, 2005** – Trust for America's Health (TFAH) today announced the hiring of a new Director of Government Relations, Richard Hamburg. Mr. Hamburg will be responsible for setting strategic direction and implementing TFAH's government relations objectives at the state and federal levels, including managing the organization's grassroots outreach and e-advocacy initiatives. Mr. Hamburg has over two decades of experience overseeing health-related government relations on a national scale.

"We are thrilled to have a veteran government relations expert like Richard joining our team," said Dr. Shelley Hearne, TFAH's Executive Director. "His knowledge and experience advocating on behalf of health-related issues will be invaluable as we work to make disease prevention a national priority."

Mr. Hamburg worked for 18 years in a number of roles with the American Heart Association (AHA), most recently, as the Director of Government Relations. At AHA, Mr. Hamburg managed the daily operations of an extensive federal legislative and regulatory program, represented AHA on health topics ranging from healthcare reform to tobacco control, directed targeted national advocacy campaigns, developed and coordinated a grassroots network of 50,000 members, and supervised government relations budgeting and staffing. He also is a past Director of Government Affairs at AHA's New York City affiliate.

"I am excited about the opportunities and challenges I will be facing," said Mr. Hamburg. "It's an important time for public health and I look forward to helping TFAH expand its presence and advance its mission at the federal and state levels."

Earlier in his career, Mr. Hamburg was Staff Director to Assemblyman Denis J. Butler in the New York State Assembly. In this capacity, Mr. Hamburg was responsible for drafting and implementing legislation.

Mr. Hamburg is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany, from which he received a B.A. in Political Science and a Masters of Public Administration.

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