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Jerry Heppes of the Door & Hardware Institute Becomes 2015 Chair of Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC)

Washington, DC – Effective February 9, 2015, Jerry Heppes, Chief Executive Officer of the Door & Hardware Institute, has assumed the position as Chair of the Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC). The Chair of the SBLC is an annually elected position. Mr. Heppes succeeds Roy Littlefield, Executive Vice President of the Tire Industry Association, who served as Chair of the SBLC in 2014.

“Last year the SBLC grew and thrived under Roy Littlefield’s excellent leadership,” said SBLC President and General Counsel Paula Calimafde, Esq. “I am very much looking forward to working with Jerry Heppes in 2015. Jerry has long been a powerful advocate for small business and I’m confident that his contributions as Chair of the SBLC will be significant.”

Earlier this year, the SBLC announced that the Council’s top priorities for 2015 will be tax reform, health care, regulatory relief and improving the nation’s infrastructure. “Businesses need meaningful tax reforms that provide simplification and certainty for their companies. When we can assure businesses that new tax policies will actually last more than a year or two, then we can count on them to create jobs and invest in our economy. We will vigorously oppose tax reforms that place an unequal burden on small and closely held businesses” said Mr. Heppes at the SBLC’s Annual Meeting on February 9, 2015. “We will work to ensure that Congress keeps small business as a priority when passing laws and establishing regulations. Small businesses cannot continue to absorb the brunt of tax burdens and must be a priority for our legislators on the Hill.”

The SBLC is an independent, permanent coalition of 60 diverse national trade and professional associations whose goal is to maximize the advocacy and presence of small business on Federal legislative and regulatory policy issues, and to disseminate information on the impact of public policy on small businesses.

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