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Former Ambassador and U.S. Congressman Funderburk Joins Perennial Team

Washington, D.C., February 17, 2006 – David Funderburk, a former United States Ambassador to Romania and United States Congressman, joined Perennial Strategy Group this January as Of Counsel – further expanding the international presence of this four-year-old firm. He advises Perennial and its clients on international ventures, with a focus on Eastern Europe.

At Perennial, Mr. Funderburk guides foreign nations and businesses through their governmental and commercial pursuits in the United States. He also assists American entities with political and business development overseas, drawing from extensive experience in diplomacy, politics and academia.

Mr. Funderburk is widely known as the vocal Reagan-appointed Ambassador to Romania, who from 1981 to 1985 fought for human rights and democracy against the country's former corrupt communist regime. He continues to undertake asylum cases, devote time to academic institutions and orphanages, and maintain strong relationships with businesses and members of Romania's current government. He is active throughout Eastern Europe and the Balkans, notably in Albania, where he serves as the country's Honorary Consul General.

A United States Congressional alumnus, Mr. Funderburk was elected to the House of Representatives in 1995 from his home state of North Carolina. During his tenure, he served on a number of House committees focused on international concerns and business. He received several congressional awards for his achievements. After his term, he returned to academia, and began working in government relations and consulting.

“It is an honor to have Mr. Funderburk on our team,” Perennial Strategy Group founder and CEO Lamell McMorris said. “That he is a notable public figure is exciting. But more important to us is his commitment to creating strong relationships – the kind of ties that expand opportunities for people throughout the world. That's exactly what we're striving for here at Perennial.”

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