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## News Release

### **LINCHPIN STRATEGIES BUILDS HEALTH PRACTICE WITH ADDITION OF FORMER FEDERATION OF AMERICAN HOSPITALS LOBBYIST AND DURBIN STAFFER, SRINU SONTI, AS POLICY ADVISOR**

**Washington, DC: September 5, 2017** – Linchpin Strategies is pleased to announce the addition of Srinu Sonti as Policy Advisor. Srinu has spent the past 10 years, both on and off Capitol Hill, working to promote a wide range of health policy and regulatory priorities that improve health care quality and access. He has extensive experience in the political and policy arenas, including working directly with CMS on implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Srinu joins Linchpin from the Federation of American Hospitals, serving the more than 1,100 investor-owned hospitals across the U.S. As Vice President for Legislation, he was the lead lobbyist with Congressional Democrats. He also managed the health IT portfolio, including managing successful regulatory changes to the Meaningful Use Program.

Prior to joining FAH, Srinu served as Health Policy Advisor to Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), the current Minority Whip in the Senate. There, he primarily managed the Senator's health care finance issue portfolio, focusing on the Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security programs. Before serving on Sen. Durbin's staff, Srinu was the Associate Director of Government Affairs at the Center for American Progress. At CAP, he raised awareness of and coordinated advocacy efforts on complex issues, such as health care and poverty. Srinu also served for several years as the Research Director for then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV), focusing on message development and strategy.

Linchpin Strategies Founder and President, Catriona Macdonald, commented, "We are delighted that Srinu is joining our team and adding to our domestic policy advocacy

across the board. His expertise will enable us to expand our service offerings to health systems, health care providers, and research and medical technology interests, as well as to our existing clients.”

Srinu earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Wisconsin, and a Juris Doctor degree from the New York Law School.

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