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## Tennessee Chamber Announces New Incoming Government Affairs Team for 2017 Legislative Session

*State Chamber President & CEO Bradley Jackson Welcomes Schneider, Boyatt to  
Chamber Team*

NASHVILLE, TN- Today, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry President and CEO Bradley Jackson announced the Chamber's incoming government affairs team for the 110<sup>th</sup> Tennessee General Assembly. Charles Schneider, a well-known insider on Capitol Hill, and Ted Boyatt, who has headed up a number of strategic communications and political initiatives, will join Jackson when the legislature convenes next week to help shepherd and guide the Chamber's public policy agenda through the legislative session.

"The Tennessee Chamber has always sought to develop and elevate a robust public policy agenda for our members and uphold Tennessee's premier status for businesses," stated **President and CEO Bradley Jackson**. "I am excited to welcome Charles and Ted to our team and am confident that their combined years of experience in the political and policy arenas will serve as an invaluable asset to Tennessee's business community."

Incoming **Director of Government Affairs Charles Schneider** noted, "I am excited to work as a voice for Tennessee's business leaders. Our state's reputation as one of the nation's most welcoming environments for both businesses and families is nationally renowned, and it is critical that we continue to bolster that status. I look forward to advancing policies that will foster economic progress across Tennessee."

"Maintaining and enhancing Tennessee's business-friendly climate is essential to our state's continued job and economic growth," echoed **Ted Boyatt**, who will serve as the Chamber's **Director of Strategy and Legislative Affairs**. "The onset of a new legislative session brings with it many opportunities, and I am honored to work with Bradley, Charles, and the Chamber's vast statewide network of businesses, local chambers of commerce, and economic development professionals to ensure that Tennessee remains one of the country's top destinations for investment, business expansion, and job creation."

Nashville resident Charles Schneider, a graduate of the University of the South, comes to the Chamber from the offices of Congressman Diane Black. There, as State Director, he was responsible for district operations and overseeing outreach activities with businesses and

government officials in nineteen counties across Middle Tennessee. Schneider previously served as a legislative liaison in the administration of Governor Bill Haslam from 2011 – 2013 and as Executive Director of the Tennessee Republican Party from 2007 – 2010.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Ted Boyatt is the former Communications Director for StudentsFirst Tennessee, now known as TennesseeCAN. A native of Maryville, Boyatt previously worked for House Majority Leader Glen Casada's 2014 re-election campaign and served as Vice Chairman of the Blount County Republican Party from 2009 – 2013.

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**ABOUT THE TENNESSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY:** Founded in 1912, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry also serves as the Tennessee Manufacturing Association. Commanding statewide partnerships with businesses and local chambers, the Tennessee Chamber works alongside elected leaders and government officials on behalf of the state's business community. The Chamber is the official state affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers, and the American Chemistry Council. For more information, please visit [www.tnchamber.org](http://www.tnchamber.org).