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## High Tech Council Names Felix Browne VP of Policy and Communications Seasoned Communicator Will Enhance Core Council Policy Mission

**Waltham, MA** - The Massachusetts High Technology Council (MHTC) has named Felix Browne as its new Vice President of Policy and Communications. Browne is a veteran of Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill having served in senior communications capacities for Governor Mitt Romney and U.S. Senator Scott Brown.

"Felix is a well respected communicator whose extensive experience at the intersection of politics and policy will help us to drive messages around cost competitiveness and talent development to ensure that policymakers understand that Massachusetts must be competitive with peer states that are aggressively developing their high tech sectors," said Council president Christopher R. Anderson. "Felix will advance our policy research while enhancing communication among Council members, lawmakers, and members of the media; we are very pleased to have him on board."

Browne served as a spokesman for Governor Mitt Romney during his term on Beacon Hill and was the primary media contact for Scott Brown's successful special election campaign to fill the remainder of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's term. Following this victory, Browne worked in Washington for Senator Brown, returning frequently with the Senator to visit businesses across the state to learn more about their challenges and how changes in federal policy could make them more competitive with their domestic and international counterparts.

In his new role with the High Tech Council, Browne will also support the work of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative, which is currently implementing a strategy to strengthen Massachusetts' and New England's role in providing technology solutions to federal defense priorities.

A native of Concord, Browne is a graduate of Georgetown University. He currently resides in Cambridge.

## **About the Massachusetts High Technology Council**

The Massachusetts High Technology Council – the state's most prominent technology business lobbying group--was established in 1977 by high tech CEOs whose mission was to help make Massachusetts the most globally competitive state in which to create, operate, and grow high tech businesses. That remains our mission today. Council members employ hundreds of thousands of skilled workers in all of Massachusetts' key technology sectors, including computer hardware, life sciences, software, medical products, defense technology, semiconductor, and telecommunications.

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