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## SAFE Welcomes Chuck Cunningham to Executive Team

*New Senior Vice President for Government Relations will develop, guide federal and state strategies*

Washington, D.C. – Securing America’s Future Energy (SAFE) welcomed Charles H. “Chuck” Cunningham as its new Senior Vice President for Government Relations and External Affairs as 2015 drew to a close. Mr. Cunningham will formulate and direct SAFE’s legislative, political and outreach strategy in 2016 and beyond, backed by the organization’s reputation for in-depth analysis and its unique approach to the question of oil dependence and energy security. Mr. Cunningham comes from the National Rifle Association, where he served in a variety of positions during two stints over 27 years, including Director of Federal Affairs and Director of State and Local Affairs, Political Director and Senior Advisor.

“Since its founding, SAFE has been a leading voice in Washington with its ability to work above partisan barriers and unite policymakers around the central and urgent challenge of America’s energy security,” said SAFE President and CEO Robbie Diamond. “Chuck brings his own unique expertise to the table, rooted in a wealth of experience in national and state policy, and we are excited to work with him as we convene a national conversation on the United States’ dependence on oil and the policies and technologies we can use to overcome it.”

Securing America’s Future Energy conducts research and develops policy recommendations based on the United States’ near-exclusive reliance on oil to power its transportation sector, the backbone of the nation’s economy. By bringing to light the economic and national security risks associated with oil dependence, SAFE illuminates the importance of bolstering America’s energy security, nurturing a productive dialogue and promoting action through policy to ensure the country’s long-term safety and prosperity.

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### About Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE)

Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE) is a nonpartisan organization that aims to reduce America's dependence on oil and improve U.S. energy security to bolster national security and strengthen the economy. SAFE advocates for expanded domestic production of U.S. oil and gas resources, continued improvements in fuel efficiency, and in the long-term, breaking oil's stranglehold on the transportation sector through alternatives like natural gas for heavy-duty trucks and plug-in electric vehicles. In 2006, SAFE joined with General P.X. Kelley (Ret.), 28th Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and Frederick W. Smith, Chairman, President, and CEO of FedEx Corporation, to form the Energy Security Leadership Council (ESLC), a group of business and former military leaders committed to reducing the United States' dependence on oil.

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