



HOMELAND SECURITY & DEFENSE BUSINESS COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL APPOINTS MAYER, BROWN, ROWE & MAW ATTORNEY RAJ DE TO BOARD OF ADVISORS

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Washington, D.C. -- The Homeland Security and Defense Business Council (the “Council”) has appointed Raj De to the Council’s Board of Advisors. An attorney in the Washington D.C. office of the international law firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, De will bring an impressive range of public and private sector legal and policy experience to the Council.

The Council is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established to promote the role of industry in achieving the vision and mission for homeland security in the United States and globally. Comprised of senior executives from its member companies – the most well-known and experienced companies in the homeland security industry today – the Council seeks to ensure that the private sector is aligned with homeland security priorities at the federal, state and local levels. To accomplish this mission, the Council facilitates dialogue among the federal agencies responsible for homeland security and defense, the legislative branch, state and local governments, and the private sector in order to develop innovative solutions and promote the sharing of best practices across organizational boundaries.

De’s impressive qualifications and unique professional background made him an ideal selection for the Council’s Board of Advisors, which is comprised of several former high-level executive and legislative branch officials. Most recently, De was Counsel to a Special Bi-partisan Staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, where he served as a lead drafter of intelligence reform legislation creating a new Director of National Intelligence and National Counterterrorism Center. Prior to his service in the Senate, De served as Counsel to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the “9/11 Commission”). De, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, has also previously worked as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice, as part of the Attorney General’s Honor Program.

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About the Council

The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council, a non-profit, non-partisan membership organization, has, for over four years, promoted the importance of the private sector in achieving the vision and mission for homeland security. The council sponsors a number of programs and activities designed to foster a “culture of preparedness and partnership” between the public and private sectors to protect and prepare our nation. To learn more about the Homeland Security & Defense Business Council, visit our website at www.homelandcouncil.org.