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**Leon Billings** is President of Leon G. Billings LLC, a consulting firm that designs public policy strategies on issues pending before the Congress and advises clients on political matters and a broad range of environmental, energy, health and safety legislation.

Mr. Billings served twelve years in the Maryland State Legislature, from 1991 through 2002. Mr. Billings was Chair of the Environment Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) for the 2001-2002 NCSL conference year. In 1995 he co-founded the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, a group of state legislators committed to progressive federal and state environmental policies.

Mr. Billings is also President of the Edmund S. Muskie Foundation, a tax-exempt foundation endowed with a \$3 million appropriation from the Congress to perpetuate the legacy of Senator Muskie. He also founded and serves as President of the Clean Air Trust, a grass roots advocacy organization which Senator Muskie co-chaired with Senator Robert Stafford of Vermont. Prior to January, 1981, Leon Billings was Chief of Staff to Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie. Before that Mr. Billings served as Chief of Staff to Senator Muskie from March, 1978, to May of 1980.

From 1966 to 1978, as staff director of the Environmental Pollution Subcommittee, Mr. Billings had primary staff responsibility for writing the major environmental laws now on the books, including the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. Mr. Billings also was a key participant in development of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the transportation legislation which made federal highway funds available for mass transit.

A 1959 graduate of the University of Montana at Missoula, he did graduate work in history there. Subsequently, Mr. Billings worked as a reporter and organizer for farm groups in Montana and California and for three years as a lobbyist for American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. He served on the Democratic Platform Committee staff in 1968, and in 1974 Mr. Billings was co-chairman of a Democratic National Committee task force on Energy and the Environment.