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**WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 2023**— American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) President & CEO Chet Thompson today issued the following statement on the recent hiring of Aaron Ringel as Vice President of Government Relations:

*“We are glad to welcome Aaron and immediately put him to work on behalf of AFPM’s members from the refining, petrochemical and midstream energy industries. His wealth of experience working in Congress and in various Executive branch posts will support our efforts to shape sound policy and effectively advocate for the men and women employed by our industries.”* –  
**Chet Thompson, AFPM President & CEO**

Aaron will take over day-to-day operation of AFPM’s federal government relations team and work to advance AFPM’s priorities on behalf of its members.

Aaron joins AFPM from the Coalition for a Prosperous America where he served as Vice President of International Policy and Advocacy. Before that, he served in both the U.S. Department of State and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In the State Department, he was Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Global Public Affairs, a leadership role that included setting international public affairs strategy, overseeing operations and policy communications. Prior to that he was Senior Advisor at the State Department’s Bureau of Energy Resources. At EPA, Aaron worked as Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs.

Before his work in the Executive Branch, Aaron worked for several Members of Congress including Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) and former Rep. Mike Pompeo (R-KS). He served more than eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He is a graduate of the University of Kansas.

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The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) is the leading trade association representing the makers of the fuels that keep us moving, the petrochemicals that are the essential building blocks for modern life, and the midstream companies that get our feedstocks and products where they need to go. We make the products that make life better, safer and more sustainable — we make progress.

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