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NMPF Welcomes Paul Bleiberg as New Senior Director of Government Relations

ARLINGTON, VA – Paul Bleiberg, formerly a top legislative staffer for Rep. Reid Ribble (R-WI), has joined the National Milk Producers Federation as Senior Director of Government Relations.

Bleiberg brings 10 years of government and agriculture policy experience to NMPF. For the last five years, he's worked for Rep. Ribble as both legislative director and later deputy chief of staff. His duties included managing Ribble's legislative operations in the House of Representatives, and advising him in the areas of agriculture, trade and transportation. Bleiberg has played a significant role in several pieces of legislation, including 2015's massive transportation reauthorization bill. In 2014, he worked with Rep. Ribble to secure the inclusion of the Wisconsin dairy industry's priorities in the 2014 farm bill conference report.

Prior to his position in Ribble's office, Bleiberg worked for two years as a consultant to agriculture and food industry clients regarding dairy policy, nutrition and food safety, among other topic areas. He also worked as a legislative assistant in the Capitol Hill offices of former New York Republican congressmen Randy Kuhl, Jr., and Sherwood Boehlert.

"Paul is widely recognized as one of the go-to staffers on dairy policy in Congress," said NMPF President and CEO Jim Mulhern. "His connections to farm policy, our member co-ops and rural America make him a valuable addition to our team."

Bleiberg is a native of New Hartford, N.Y. He graduated from Hamilton College with a bachelor's degree in government.

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The National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF), based in Arlington, VA, develops and carries out policies that advance the well-being of dairy producers and the cooperatives they own. The members of NMPF's cooperatives produce the majority of the U.S. milk supply, making NMPF the voice of dairy producers on Capitol Hill and with government agencies. For more on NMPF's activities, visit our website at www.nmpf.org.