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## **SEA Announces New President**

**WASHINGTON, DC** – Today, the Senior Executives Association (SEA)–representing the interests of over 10,000 career federal executives in the Senior Executive Service (SES), Senior Level (SL), Scientific and Professional (ST) and equivalent positions –released the following statement announcing the association's new President:

"The Senior Executives Association is excited to announce our new President: retired SES member and former SEA Board Chair Marcus L. Hill. Marcus brings nearly 40 years of exceptional, federal service and proven leadership across several agencies. He is a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Service and numerous other honors and recognitions. Marcus joined the SEA upon his appointment into the SES and has been a faithful member for 17 years. He has a clear appreciation for the value and importance of the career SES and other career leaders in achieving agency missions. Marcus possesses the acumen and know-how to navigate the complex issues facing the civil service and work with others to present viable solutions. The SEA Board of Directors has the utmost confidence in Marcus's abilities and commitment to leading and managing our operations," SEA Board Chair Maxanne Witkin said. "Marcus is starting his role equipped with SEA's new strategic plan and policy agenda, both of which he helped to create. Possessing these blueprints, the Board is excited to work with Marcus to revitalize SEA's advocacy mission. SEA is the voice of the SES. As the civil service continues to endure increased efforts to eliminate the merit system, it is essential SEA continues to lead efforts, effectively engaged and collaborate with our partners to maintain and improve a merit-based, civil service system. Marcus understands and appreciates the criticality of SEA's mission. He is the right leader at the right time."

"As I enter my next chapter of public service, I am humbled by the confidence the SEA Board has placed in me to lead the organization. Previously serving on the SEA Board of Directors was an incredible experience. I had the pleasure of working with with some of the sharpest, most committed professionals that I have ever collaborated with. We have been immersed in strategizing solutions to the critical issues facing the federal workforce. As inertia continues to build around efforts to politicize the federal workforce and eliminate employee protections, the Board has adjusted SEA's leadership structure to meet the moment. I am ready and look forward to leading and collaborating with others, during these challenging times, to effectively respond to the moment" Hill added.

"Further empowering SEA to act, the SEA Board has approved a new policy agenda that seeks to modernize federal service and improve the government's capabilities to serve the American people. This agenda prioritizes merit, emphasizes agility and enhances accountability. It, along with SEA's comprehensive strategic plan, will guide SEA's actions," Hill furthered.

"If my new leadership role demonstrates anything to SEA members, I hope it illustrates the importance of continuing to serve beyond your tenure in the federal service -- sharing the invaluable wisdom and experiences, acquired during public service, for the furtherance of improving government operations. Leaving federal service doesn't mean you have to disengage. Sometimes it can position you to engage more effectively. Good government organizations, like SEA, provide opportunities for both active and former Federal career leaders to advocate for and influence the agenda and interests. Today is the day to become an active member of SEA if eligible (see www.seniorexecs.org). Dispelling a myth, SEA membership is not limited to SES and equivalents. If you are not an SEA member, I ask that you consider joining. If you are a member and haven't done so, I ask that you actively volunteer. For those who desire, SEA also has the capability of accepting financial donations in support of our mission," Hill continued.

"The growing efforts to politicize the federal workforce is real. For over four decades, SEA has been at the forefront, successfully promoting good government and advocating for the interests of career, senior leaders. Help us, help you. Join and/or become an active member today," Hill concluded.

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The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is a professional association representing Senior Executive Service members and other career Federal leaders. Founded in 1980, SEA's goals are to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity of the Federal government; to advance the professionalism and advocate the interests of career Federal executives; and to enhance public recognition of their contributions. For more information, visit www.seniorexecs.org.