**Congratulatory Note Request**

**From**: Chairman Ben Ray Luján

**To**: Rick Pollack, Executive Vice President, Advocacy and Public Policy

**About**: Rick was elected to take over as President and CEO of the American Hospital Association. He will begin his term when the current President steps down at the end of the 2015. Please send Rick a congratulatory note on his election.

**Notes**: BRL met with Rick on April 13th when AHA made their $15,000 contribution to the DCCC for the year.

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RICK POLLACK NAMED PRESIDENT AND CEO

OF THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON (May 4, 2015) – The American Hospital Association’s (AHA) Board of

Trustees today announced Rick Pollack as the next president and chief executive officer of the

national group representing America’s hospitals and health systems. A 32-year veteran of the

AHA, Pollack will succeed Richard J. Umbdenstock, who announced his retirement in

November and will retire at the end of 2015.

Since 1991, Pollack has served as AHA’s executive vice president for advocacy and public

policy responsible for the development, implementation and management of the association’s

advocacy, representation and public affairs activities, which have been cited by numerous

national publications as one of the most influential and effective lobbying organizations in

Washington. He will become the 11th person to hold the top post in the association’s 117-year

history.

“Rick brings the right mix of skills to this role. His effective advocacy combined with his

passion and commitment to the mission of hospitals and the men and women who work there

will serve the association well,” said AHA Chairman Jonathan B. Perlin, M.D., Ph.D., who is

president of clinical services and chief medical officer of the Nashville-based HCA. “He will

build on the many strengths of the past and ably lead the association into the future.”

Pollack will become the AHA’s president and CEO in September. A Brooklyn native, Pollack,

59, started his professional career in 1977 as a legislative assistant to U.S. Rep. David Obey of

Wisconsin. He left Capitol Hill to become a lobbyist with the American Nurses Association. He

went on to join the AHA’s Washington Office, where he has been a member of the association’s

advocacy team, initially serving as associate director for legislation, and then vice president for

federal relations and deputy director of the D.C. office before becoming executive vice president.

Pollack holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and communications from the State

University of New York’s College at Cortland. He earned a master’s degree in public

administration from the American University in Washington, D.C.