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Outgoing Deputy Director of the National Economic Council Chuck Blahous to Join Hudson Institute

Hudson Institute is pleased to welcome Chuck Blahous as a new Senior Fellow. Previously, Blahous served in George W. Bush's administration as Deputy Director of the National Economic Council and Executive Director of the President's Commission to Strengthen Social Security.

At Hudson, Blahous will continue to write on issues within his broad portfolio of economic expertise, including several of the most urgent challenges facing the U.S. economy. A leading expert on retirement policy and the author of *Reforming Social Security* (Greenwood Publishing, 2000), Blahous will publish his research on challenges facing the employer-provided pension system and plans another book detailing the current state of the Social Security debate.

Blahous will also continue to analyze several other issues pressing the new administration and Congress, including Federal budget policy, entitlement reform, demographic change, economic stimulus, financial market stabilization, housing, and energy issues.

"Chuck has an extremely impressive range of expertise on crucial economic issues that will continue to be the focus of many policymakers in the coming years," says Hudson CEO Kenneth Weinstein. "My colleagues and I look forward to more of his important research."

Adds Blahous, “These are critical times for our economy, and I am pleased to have the opportunity provided by Hudson Institute to join in the continued development of thoughtful policy responses to the challenges we face.”

Prior to serving as Deputy NEC Director, Blahous served as a Special Assistant to the President for Economic Policy from 2001-2007, during which time he also served as Executive Director of the bipartisan President’s Commission to Strengthen Social Security. From 2000-01, Blahous was the Executive Director of the Alliance for Worker Retirement Security. From 1996-2000, Blahous served as Policy Director for U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH). From 1989-1996, Blahous served as a legislative aide to U.S. Senator Alan Simpson (R-WY), including two years as his Legislative Director (1994-96) and a year (1989-90) as a Congressional Science Fellow sponsored by the American Physical Society. Blahous holds a Ph.D. in computational quantum chemistry from the University of California/Berkeley. His publications cover subjects ranging from Social Security, federal entitlements and demographics, to chemistry and baseball statistics.

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