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Alan Hoffman serves as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of Vice President Joe Biden, overseeing elements of domestic policy, operations and management, and political affairs. Previously, Alan served as Chief of Staff in Senator Biden's office from 1998-2003, and again from 2006-2008, where he managed the Senator's legislative agenda, communications, political operations, and personnel. When Alan returned to Senator Biden's office as Chief of Staff in 2006, he added additional responsibilities as presidential campaign advisor, where he directed operations throughout the Senator's campaign. In 2008, after Sen. Biden withdrew from the presidential race, Alan accepted a position as senior vice president for external relations for the University of California system. There he directed strategy and oversaw coordination with campuses in the implementation of communications, advocacy and governmental relations activities for the UC system, with the goal of building understanding and support for the university's mission of teaching, research and public service.

Previously, in between stints as Sen. Biden's Chief of Staff, Alan was vice president in the Washington offices of Timmons & Co., a consulting and lobbying firm. He later accepted a position with the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica, California, as vice president for external affairs. At Rand, Alan was an adviser to senior leadership, and had management responsibility for the organization's communications, government relations, fundraising, marketing, community relations, Website development and corporate publications.

Before joining Sen. Biden's staff, Alan served in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as special assistant to the assistant secretary for legislative affairs, and in the U.S. Department of Justice as special counsel to the assistant attorney general for legislative affairs. He later served as an assistant United States attorney in Philadelphia prosecuting federal crimes for the Justice Department.

A Philadelphia native, Hoffman holds J.D. and master of public administration degrees from the University of Southern California and a B.A. degree from Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. While at Lafayette, Mr. Hoffman majored in American Civilization. He was the president of his class, his fraternity, worked as a Resident Advisor, and was the 1988 Recipient of the George Wharton Pepper Prize. Alan Hoffman currently resides in Washington D.C. with his wife, Elizabeth Francis.