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## ***Former Wyden Aide Joins Venn's Health Team as the Firm Adds Four New Hires***

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The Management Team of Venn Strategies, a nationally recognized public affairs and government relations firm twice named among the fastest-growing private companies in the United States (the “Inc. 5000”), announced that **Grant Couch, a long-time former aide to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden**, has joined the firm as Vice President in the Health Group, along with three additional key hires.

During his half-dozen years as a health policy advisor on Wyden’s team, Couch worked on issues involving Medicare, accountable care organizations, the Affordable Care Act and many others. He has also spent nearly a decade advocating for some of the nation’s leading patient and provider organizations, including the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the American Medical Group Association and the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

In announcing the addition of Couch, Venn Founder and CEO Stephanie Silverman noted, “Grant has an unusually powerful skill set – he has navigated some of the most complex health legislative initiatives from the seats where those decisions are made, and he has pressed for policy changes on behalf of patient and provider groups who see the impact of those health policies at the ground level. We couldn’t be more delighted that such a trusted policy and political navigator is joining our team.”

Venn has also announced three additional key hires: Senior Associate **Hannah Giltner** and Client Services Associates **Jordan Kramer** and **Macrae Sharp**. Giltner, who joins Venn’s growing critical infrastructure practice, formerly served in top government relations roles at Airports Council International and the Canadian American Business Council. Giltner also brings to the firm deep national and state campaign expertise and experience with non-profit groups including AARP and Meals on Wheels. Kramer joins the firm with experience from work at the House Democratic Caucus and The Trevor Project, while Sharp previously served in the Office of then-Senator Kamala Harris, National Democratic Institute and International Rescue Committee.

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