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Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg's Statement on the Resignation of White House COS Andy Card and Successor Josh Bolten

WASHINGTON— Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg (R-NH) today made the following statement on the resignation of Andy Card as White House Chief of Staff after five and one-half years of service. He will be succeeded by current Office of Management and Budget Director Joshua Bolten.

"Andy Card has been an exceptional public servant who has unique and special ties to New Hampshire, where he managed the first President Bush's campaign in 1987 and 1988. I have greatly enjoyed working with him over these many years and have always been impressed by his selflessness and humility and his total commitment to the two Presidents he worked with, especially President George W. Bush, who he served so exceptionally well as his Chief of Staff. This position is probably the most difficult in the government, and Andy handled this job with an extraordinary ability that will be the standard for all who follow in this unique and important position. Kathy and I wish Kathi and Andy good luck and good fortune as they continue forward.

"Josh Bolten is a strong choice as the successor to Andy Card as Chief of Staff for the President. I have had the pleasure of working with him since the beginning of this administration and especially over the last few years during his time as Director of the Office of Management and Budget. He is extremely capable, smart and open to input from others, and he has a wonderful sense of humor which he will need in dealing with the extraordinary tension of the Chief of Staff's job. I look forward to continuing a close working relationship with Josh."