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WASHINGTON – Today, President Barack Obama announced that he will name Deputy White House Counsel Cassandra Q. Butts as Senior Advisor in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

President Obama said, "I am honored to appoint my dear friend and trusted colleague Cassandra to serve in this important role. The Millennium Challenge Corporation is an essential partner as we work to combat global poverty, and Cassandra brings a depth of experience and true passion for justice that will be invaluable to its success in the future. I am grateful for Cassandra's tireless service in this administration and look forward to continuing to work with her in the years ahead."

President Obama made the following announcement today:

Cassandra Q. Butts, Senior Advisor, Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation

Cassandra Butts is currently the Deputy White House Counsel where she has focused on judicial nominations. Ms. Butts was the general counsel to the Obama-Biden Transition Project. She also served as the Senior Vice President for Domestic Policy at the Center for American Progress. Prior to joining CAP, she was a senior advisor to House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt (D-MO) where she worked on refugee, asylum and immigration issues and served as the policy director on his 2004 presidential campaign. Ms. Butts also served as director of Senator Obama's Senate transition in 2004-2005. Previously, she was an Assistant Counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund and also served as Legislative Counsel to Senator Harris L. Wofford (D-PA). Ms. Butts was an international election observer to the Zimbabwean parliamentary elections in 2000. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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