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LANGSTON EMERSON JOINS NAREIT'S GOVERNMENT RELATIONS TEAM

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts® (NAREIT®) is pleased to announce that Langston Emerson has joined its team as Director of Government Relations. Emerson will be supporting the rest of NAREIT's Policy & Politics department by working on NAREIT's political liaison program and national fundraising campaigns.

For the past two years, Emerson served as Senior Legislative Assistant for Rep. Michael Capuano (D-MA), where he handled all issues related to Rep. Capuano's position on the House Financial Services Committee.

A Michigan native, Emerson also has worked in the office of Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-MI), served as an intern for Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI), and worked for several private consulting firms in Michigan and Washington, D.C. as a government affairs specialist and commercial real estate associate. He is a graduate of Howard University and earned his law degree from George Washington University.

"We are pleased to have Langston join NAREIT's Government Relations team," said Robert Dibblee, vice president of government relations. "His background and legislative experience will be a tremendous resource for NAREIT on Capitol Hill. Langston is a great addition to our association, and we are fortunate to have someone of his caliber advocating on behalf of the REIT and publicly-traded real estate industry in Washington, D.C."

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