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Jack Howard is senior vice president of the Congressional and Public Affairs Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The division includes a team of 15 lobbyists in Washington, D.C., as well as seven regional offices charged with providing membership services and grassroots lobbying.

Howard is responsible for developing the strategy and leading the tactical execution of the Chamber's congressional lobbying activities, coordinating resources in Washington and around the country, and ensuring that the division's mission and objectives align with those of the Chamber.

With more than 25 years of government service, Howard served in the White House as deputy assistant to President George W. Bush. He worked in the Office of Legislative Affairs where he coordinated the efforts of senior-level White House officials, Cabinet departments, and agencies to secure congressional passage of President Bush's legislative priorities. Earlier, he served in the White House under President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1992, also in the Office of Legislative Affairs, where he had similar responsibilities.

Howard's extensive experience also includes having worked at the highest levels of Congress and having served as senior counsel and adviser to Republican leaders of the House and Senate, including Speakers Dennis Hastert and Newt Gingrich as well as Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott. His experience earned him recognition as an inside leader in Washington. *National Journal* named him one of the "Top 50 Bush White House staff members." *Roll Call*, the newspaper of Capitol Hill, regularly acknowledged Howard among the "Top 50 Congressional staff members."

Before joining the Chamber, Howard was vice chairman and chief operating officer of Wexler & Walker Public Policy Associates, a lobbying and consulting firm specializing in international affairs and trade advocacy.

He received his bachelor's degree in political science from Gettysburg College.

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