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LOCKE LORD STRATEGIES D.C. PARTNER SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTS PAKISTAN IN WINNING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL TODAY OF \$7.5 BILLION U.S. AID PACKAGE

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) September 30, 2009 – Mark A. Siegel, a Partner with Locke Lord Strategies, the Washington, D.C.-based public affairs and government relations entity of Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell, successfully represented the Nation of Pakistan in securing today's Congressional approval of legislation to triple U.S. non-military aid to Pakistan to \$7.5 billion. S. 1707, which creates the Enhanced Partnership with Pakistan Act, unanimously passed the House this afternoon after receiving unanimous support in the Senate last week. The bill, which allocates the money to building roads, schools and other projects directly benefiting the people of Pakistan, will now be sent to President Barack Obama for his signature. Siegel was joined by Strategies Partners Phil Rivers and Roy Coffee, along with Senior Policy Advisor Shane Doucet, in helping to win legislative consent for the aid package for the Pakistani government.

This is the first multi-year aid package by the U.S. for a democratically elected civilian government in the history of Pakistan. It is also the largest non-military authorization to Pakistan in its 60-year history.

The provisions of the bill include:

- Tripling U.S. non-military aid to Pakistan to \$1.5 billion per year for the next five years.
- Broadening U.S. aid to include Pakistan's judicial system, educational system and economy, and strengthening U.S. commitment in the region.
- Tying military aid to Pakistani efforts to resist the Taliban.
- Requiring a strategic plan from the President to Congress on eliminating terrorist threats and closing safe havens in Pakistan.

S. 1707 was introduced by Senator John Kerry (D-MA), who Chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Senator Dick Lugar (R-IN), a Ranking Member on the Committee.

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