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Washington, DC; January 7, 2019—The Investment Company Institute (ICI) has named Kathleen L. Mellody as senior government affairs officer.

Before joining ICI, Mellody served as head of federal affairs at The Hartford, where she led the legislative and regulatory work for the firm in Washington, including for the mutual fund businesses. Before joining The Hartford, she served in the White House as special assistant to the president and Senate liaison, Office of Legislative Affairs, for President Obama. In this role, her responsibilities included coordinating with the Senate on the administration's financial services and tax policy priorities.

"We are very excited to welcome Kathleen to ICI's government affairs team," said Dean R. Sackett III, ICI chief government affairs officer. "Kathleen is a well-regarded, seasoned Democratic strategist whose comprehensive knowledge of financial services policy issues—and extensive government experience—will be a tremendous asset to our work with ICI's member firms and the 100 million shareholders they serve."

Before her White House service, Mellody served in the Obama administration as deputy assistant secretary for legislative affairs at the US Department of the Treasury, working on issues related to banking, finance, terrorism, and financial intelligence. She also has prior experience working as a counsel for the House Financial Services Committee, as well as for MetLife, Inc. Mellody holds a BBA from Georgetown University and a JD from George Mason University School of Law.