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## MASSACHUSETTS BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE WELCOMES CLAIRE COOPER AS VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY & OPERATIONS

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable – a public policy organization comprised of CEOs and Senior Executives from large employers across the Commonwealth – today announced Claire Cooper will serve as Vice President of Public Policy & Operations. Claire joins the Roundtable with 12 years of professional experience in external affairs, program development, operations, and project management within government and the non-profit sector.

As Vice President of Public Policy & Operations, Claire will manage administrative operations, membership resources, and events while also working with the CEO & President as well as the EVP to support the Roundtable's public policy agenda and priorities. Prior to joining the Roundtable, Claire served as Director of Partnerships & Programs at the Alliance for Business Leadership, where she produced nearly 20 virtual events for business leaders and community partners during the pandemic, strengthened the membership program, and advanced engagement with partnering organizations and advocates to advance public policy. Additionally, as Director of Community Engagement at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate, Claire deepened partnerships within Columbia Point and led the production and operations of major events featuring presidential candidates, U.S. Cabinet Secretaries, U.S. Senators and Members of Congress, state and local leaders, and other national figures.

"We are excited to welcome Claire to the Roundtable team," said JD Chesloff, President & CEO of the Roundtable. "Her knowledge and experience in working with business, government and non-profit leaders will allow her to hit the ground running as the Roundtable and its members emerge from the pandemic with a focus on talent and competitiveness."

With partner engagement as an underlying theme throughout her career in government and the non-profit sector, Claire has worked collaboratively with employers, business executives, and community leaders. Notably, Claire was part of the inaugural team to launch the HubWeek innovation festival and grow the startup's operations, partnerships, and programming. During her time in the Office of Governor Deval L. Patrick, Claire spearheaded operations and advanced community relations for the Special Assistant to the Governor overseeing the transformation of the Massachusetts Health Connector between 2014 - 2015.

"I am thrilled to join the Roundtable and to advance public policy that strengthens the social and economic well-being of the Commonwealth," said Claire Cooper, Vice President of Public Policy & Operations at the Roundtable. "I look forward to engaging with members and our partners as the Roundtable continues to bring awareness and solutions to issues and opportunities that will enhance Massachusetts' post-pandemic economic recovery and competitiveness."



## About The Massachusetts Business Roundtable

The Massachusetts Business Roundtable is a non-partisan public policy organization comprised of CEOs and senior executives from major employers that collectively employ more than 250,000 people across the state. The Roundtable works with business leaders and public officials to make Massachusetts a better, more competitive place to do business in the global economy. For more information about the Roundtable, visit <u>www.maroundtable.com</u>. For the latest updates and news on the Roundtable, follow on Twitter @MABizRoundtable.