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Eric C. Bugaile joined Archer following a distinguished 40-year career in state government, most recently serving 32 years as Executive Director (R) of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Transportation Committee. In that position, he worked with the Majority Chairman Tim Hennessey (CR-Chester) to set the Committee agenda, analyze and draft legislation on a wide range of transportation subjects, including traffic laws, highway and bridges, railroad, mass transit, pedestrian, bicycle and aviation statutes. The Committee also served as the standing committee in the House to review proposed regulations of PennDOT, the State Police and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Most notably, the Committee played an important role in drafting Act 89 of 2013, which rearranged and provided for stable funding of PennDOT and transportation services in the Commonwealth for decades to come.

Mr. Bugaile was the Republican nominee for the State House of Representatives in 1982 for the 49th Legislative District. He has worked for the Committee since 1991 and has a total 36 years' experience with the House over three periods of service, the earliest dating to 1974 when he served as a public relations assistant to the House Speaker, Ken Lee (R-Sullivan County) and the House Republican Caucus. He also served as a field coordinator for Republican Legislative Field Services in the early 1980s.

For four years, Mr. Bugaile was the Assistant Director of the State's High Speed Intercity Rail Passenger Commission. In that position, he was liaison with the Legislature and state agencies and was responsible for public outreach. He has also been involved in the rails-to-trails movement as the director of a trail project for the York Area Chamber of Commerce, writing the business plan for the York County Heritage Rail Trail convincing PennDOT to turn the property over to the County. He was a founding member and first staff director of the Pennsylvania Rails-to-Trails Conservancy.

Mr. Bugaile served nearly four years as Sports Information Director of what is now California University of Pennsylvania, and spent several years in the western Pennsylvania area as a news director of two radio stations, WESA in Charleroi and WASP in Brownsville, and was a producer/director at KDKA Radio in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Bugaile currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Capital Area Transit. A Board Member since 2005, he was elected Chairman in 2012. The Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority (a.k.a. Capital Area Transit, or CAT) was formed in 1973 after the dissolution of the Harrisburg Railways Company. Formed by the Cumberland County and Dauphin County Commissioners and the City of Harrisburg, CAT was designated as the public transportation provider in the greater Harrisburg area.

Mr. Bugaile has won awards and citations for news coverage from the Associated Press, a national award from the NAJA, a Senate commendation for community service and was twice named by the US Jaycees as An Outstanding Man in America. He was the former Transportation Committee Staff Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and a member of the task force that wrote the Public Private Partnership Toolkit for Legislators.