

Jeff Dufour Promoted to National Journal Daily Editor in Chief, Kyle Trygstad Promoted to Editor in Chief of Hotline

National Journal President Kevin Turpin announced today in a memo to staff that senior editor Jeff Dufour will be promoted to editor in chief of *National Journal Daily* and editor Kyle Trygstad will be promoted to editor in chief of *Hotline*, as *National Journal* editor Ben Pershing is expected to leave his post in the coming days to pursue another opportunity. Turpin's memo is below for your reference.

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Dear Colleagues,

I am reaching out to announce some news regarding a change in our editorial leadership. In the coming days, Ben Pershing will leave his post as editor of *National Journal* to pursue an opportunity with *The Wall Street Journal*, and senior editor Jeff Dufour will subsequently be promoted to our new editor in chief of National Journal Daily, overseeing the management of the National Journal Daily editorial operations. Kyle Trygstad will be promoted to the Hotline editor in chief overseeing the management of the Hotline editorial operations and National Journal's political coverage more broadly. Both Jeff and Kyle will report directly to me.

Since joining National Journal nearly five years ago, Ben has been a tremendous leader for our organization, ensuring that National Journal remained a go-to source for forward-looking political and legislative analysis. There is no doubt that Ben will continue to thrive in his future endeavors, but he will certainly be missed as the leader of our editorial group.

Jeff has played an invaluable role in strengthening the National Journal Daily product over the past three years, by owning the development of new features like the Carousel, Bull'sEye, and Q&A. He is ready and able to now take on the full leadership of the Daily by upholding our company's lasting tradition of delivering must-read journalism to DC insiders.

Kyle Trygstad has been instrumental in continuing the rich tradition of the Hotline's daily coverage of news relating to upcoming local, state and national elections. Kyle has done an outstanding job in managing the *Hotline*, and has been vital to expanding its influence as the invaluable election and campaign digest for Congressional staffers, political operatives and pundits.

We are excited to see what new standards of excellence Kyle pushes our political coverage to as we approach the very important 2020 election cycle.

Please join me in saying thank you to Ben for his work in helping *National Journal* reach new heights, and congratulations to Jeff and Kyle as they lead us forward in the future.

Best regards,

Kevin