WASHINGTON, D.C. – The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) announced that Robert McArver has joined the association as vice president of petrochemicals and Don Thoren has been promoted to vice president of state and local outreach.

“Rob will lead AFPM’s petrochemical division during an exciting time as the industry plays an increasingly important role in creating jobs, strengthening the U.S. economy, and providing energy security,” said AFPM President and CEO Chet Thompson. Thompson also added, “In the short time since Don has joined AFPM, he has excelled in building strong coalitions and alliances with both consumers and stakeholders. In his new role leading the division, I am confident that Don will continue to increase the visibility of AFPM and its priorities at both the local and state level.”

Thompson concluded, “AFPM has committed the resources necessary to build a leading association that is capable of meeting the industry’s growing opportunities, and I am confident that Rob and Don’s experience will serve our members and the entire fuel and petrochemical industries well.”

Both McArver and Thoren bring a wealth of in-depth industry experience. McArver most recently served as the vice president of policy and government relations for the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers. McArver has also worked for Celanese Corporation, where as vice president of global public affairs he executed an aggressive international government relations strategy. Thoren joined AFPM in 2016 as the director of state and local outreach and previously held leadership roles at the American Chemistry Council and the Altria Group, where he focused on outreach, political mobilization, and state government affairs.

McArver holds a Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law and a Bachelor’s degree in History from Duke University and Thoren is a graduate of Drew University in Madison, NJ, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Economics.

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