Drew Kevin Spence

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Professional Experience

United States Senate, Office of Senator Kamala Harris (California)

Washington, D.C.

Nov. 2020-

Legislative Assistant

Jan. 2021

- Managed initiatives in technology/cybersecurity, economy, and appropriations portfolios.
 - Drafted legislation to respond to the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic, including by promoting housing security and strengthening consumer protections.
 - Led oversight efforts to ensure small business lending programs were serving constituents, including making requests of executive branch agencies and tracking responses.
- Managed office archiving project to create record of legislative activity and engagement with other Senate offices during Senator Harris' tenure.
 - Involved project management with internal office stakeholders to capture contributions to the record from various legislative portfolios.

Aug. 2020-

Senior Legislative Aide

Nov. 2020

- Promoted to position managing initiatives in technology/cybersecurity, economy, and appropriations portfolios.
 - Prepared the senator for committee hearings and committee consideration of presidential nominees, including the nomination process for officials involved in the economic response to COVID-19.

Nov. 2019-

Legislative Aide

Aug. 2020

- Returned to Senator Harris' office to work on legislative portfolios as well as special projects.
 - Managed office appropriations process. Involved project management with staff from relevant policy portfolios, as well as committee staff, to elevate the senator's funding priorities.
 - Part of team that prepared the senator for presidential impeachment hearings.

Apr. 2019 –

Kamala Harris for the People (Kamala Harris for President)

Baltimore, MD

Nov. 2019

Chief of Staff, Policy Team

- Responsible for coordinating and producing deliverables on the campaign policy team.
 - o Managed relationships with policy volunteers and outside experts who provided advice to the campaign on policy formation.
 - Managed endorsement questionnaire process to provide responses to questionnaires from civil society groups considering endorsing the candidate. Involved working with multiple campaign teams to capture draft responses and solicit edits from relevant team members.
- Project manager for a number of campaign policy plans, including policy agendas on technology and cybersecurity, people with disabilities, and veterans.
 - o Involved project management of subject matter expert work product as well as coordination with internal stakeholders to develop sound policy plans that could be concisely communicated by the campaign.

Jan. 2017-

United States Senate, Office of Senator Kamala Harris (California)

Washington, D.C.

Apr. 2019 Legislative Aide

- Responsible for initiatives in the technology/cybersecurity, economy, and appropriations portfolios.
 - o Led a successful oversight effort to push for stalled rulemaking at an independent agency that improved the efficacy of a public safety telecommunications tool.
 - Developed a cybersecurity bill that was passed into law.

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- o Managed the senator's work on the bipartisan election security legislation, including leading negotiations with other Senate offices as we worked toward getting the bill marked-up in committee.
- Prepared the Senator for committee hearings and provided vote recommendations on legislation and nominations.
- Assisted in the transition of the senator's briefing book process. Temporarily managed the process and oversaw procedural improvements during the Senator's first year in office.

State of California, Department of Justice Executive Office of Attorney General Kamala Harris

San Francisco, CA

Sept. 2013-Jan. 2017

Research Analyst

- Promoted to policy research and analysis position for Attorney General Harris on key issue areas, including technology, cybersecurity, and government innovation.
 - o Led an engagement strategy to mobilize stakeholders around the OpenJustice initiative, an open data effort to promote transparency between law enforcement and the public.
- Managed the attorney general's briefing process, including working with relevant internal stakeholders to refine briefings and ensure delivery of documents.
- Managed executive office policy internship program, including candidate selection process as well as supervision of interns and review of work product.

Jul. 2012-

Staff Assistant

Sept. 2013

- Provided administrative support to senior staff and background research on policy issues.
- Drafted speeches that senior staff members delivered at public events.

Education

Aug. 2012

The George Washington University Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts in Political Communication

Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Special Departmental Honors

Service/Community

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art Mar. 2014-

San Francisco, CA

Jan. 2017 Volunteer