

PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS LEADER

Public policy professional with 12+ years of intergovernmental and legislative affairs experience in crafting public policy, managing events, and conducting external relations. Maintain a network of relationships with federal, state, and local officials, as well as staff in key congressional offices and committees.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Policy Development and Analysis
- Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs
- Constituent Relations and Stakeholder Outreach
- Problem Solving and Project Management
- Collaboration and Team Building
- Strategic Communications

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Successfully negotiated with bicameral leadership and staff of the Senate and House Judiciary, Homeland Security and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees to produce comprehensive, bipartisan legislation, including:

- The *Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018*, the measure invests in airport infrastructure, promotes safety and American leadership in aviation, and strengthens consumer protections.
- The *Preventing Emerging Threats Act of 2018*, which provides the Departments of Homeland Security and Justice with authorities to counter unmanned aircraft systems (c-UAS) used for nefarious purposes.
- The *Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Modernization Act*, the bill reforms TSA's organizational structure, advances deployment of improved screening technologies, and mitigates airport security delays.
- The *National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Reauthorization Act of 2018*, which includes reforms to modernize and improve transparency in the agency's investigations, safety recommendations, and board member discussions.
- The *Coronavirus Economic Stabilization Act of 2020*, part of the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*, which provides \$500 billion to the U.S. Treasury to provide loans, loan guarantees, and other investments in support of eligible businesses, states and municipalities.
- The *Aircraft Certification, Safety, and Accountability Act*, which requires new aviation safety reforms in the wake of two fatal Boeing 737 MAX crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation****Washington, DC***Professional Staff Member (Aviation)*

1/2018 – Present

Interim Aviation Subcommittee Staff Director

1/2020 – 3/2020

Serve as a senior aviation policy staffer with responsibility for effectively managing the development and execution of legislative strategy, regulatory oversight, and committee hearing planning on behalf of the ranking member.

- Advise senators and staff on a variety of aviation, operations, security, and infrastructure issues.
- Prepare detailed analysis of business, legislative and political concerns to inform committee leadership and Senate member offices of potential problems with public policy proposals.
- Write one-pagers, talking points, and other written materials and provide recommendations for executive decision-making.
- Maintain regulatory oversight of the Department of Transportation (DOT), FAA, TSA, and NTSB by managing committee hearings, hosting agency briefings, and engaging with administration officials.
- Collaborate with officials within FAA, DOT, and TSA to develop solutions to emerging issues such as NextGen modernization, UAS Traffic Management, including remote ID and c-UAS technologies.
- Cultivate relationships with airport and airline leaders, community groups, industry trade associations, and other aviation stakeholders to understand their legislative priorities.
- Guide hearing preparation for committee members by drafting pre-hearing memos and lead all post-hearing activity, such as editing transcripts, coordinating witness responses to questions for the record (QFRs), and following up with agency staff.
- Develop weekly legislative and activity reports for senior leadership on significant aviation legislative activities, and prepare briefing materials for members and staff.

Professional Staff Member (Surface)

9/2016 – 12/2017

Advocated for the ranking member's legislative priorities on issues related to surface transportation, including trucking, ports, and rail, in policy discussions with government officials and business leaders.

- Published a weekly newsletter highlighting the committee's legislative achievements and upcoming business, distributing key information to 500+ constituents, government officials, and public policy professionals.

U.S. Senate, Office of Senator Bill Nelson**Washington, DC***Senior Advisor and Director of Scheduling*

9/2013 – 8/2016

Served as a liaison between Senator Nelson and external groups, managing communication, meetings and activities between parties.

- Oversaw the team that planned Senator Nelson’s schedule and travel; prioritized meeting and speaking requests and ensured the appropriate teams were engaged in preparation for meetings and events.
- Managed coordination of briefing materials for meetings and events; worked with communications and legislative teams to identify where teams were working on complementary issues and could work together effectively.

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

Washington, DC

Special Assistant to the Chairman

3/2013 – 9/2013

Met with various constituency groups on issues related to healthcare and financial products and helped the press secretary review and edit the chairman’s written communications.

57th Presidential Inaugural Committee

Washington, DC

Associate Director of Distinguished Guests, Intergovernmental Affairs

12/2012 – 1/2013

Led a cross-functional team that planned and executed 40+ events attended by Obama Administration cabinet members and attracted more than 1500 guests.

- Supervised briefing coordinators to ensure internal deadlines were met, briefing materials were accurate, and stakeholders were alerted of programming updates.

Obama for America

Tampa, FL

Director of Scheduling

6/2012 – 11/2012

Recruited as a senior member of the Obama for America Florida campaign and directed the team responsible for event planning; planned events for 125+ campaign surrogates, resulting in more than 250 events across the state.

- Secured opportunities for senior leadership and surrogates to participate in community forums and events in order to advance the strategic goals of the campaign.
- Identified and enlisted the support of community leaders to leverage their networks to increase volunteer engagement.
- Met with strategic partners to deepen local relationships and gain insights regarding community dynamics and public policy issues to strategize where and how to effectively leverage the campaign’s resources.
- Collaborated with leadership team to develop daily and weekly team meeting agendas, capture meeting notes, and track action items to ensure trip planning processes were effective and efficient.

U.S. Senate, Office of Senator Bill Nelson

Washington, DC

Scheduler

7/2008 – 6/2012

Coordinated with state outreach staff to plan and execute events in Florida to maximize media coverage, strengthen community relationships, and support local and state initiatives.

- Managed coordination of media appearances, along with the communications team, to inform Florida residents of Senator Nelson’s legislative accomplishments.
- Established and maintained relationships with civic and government leaders, key community partners and nonprofit organizations to build awareness and support for Senator Nelson’s legislative priorities.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

City of Hyattsville, Maryland

Hyattsville, MD

Code Compliance Advisory Committee Member

2020 – Present

- Advise city council members and staff of resident input regarding proposed changes or new ordinances to the Hyattsville city code.

Everybody Wins! DC

Washington, DC

Advisory Council Member and Mentor

2010 – Present

- Advise leadership on best practices to increase the impact of the Power Lunch program for students and mentors.
- Actively recruit new mentors to join the Power Lunch program and personally mentored 6 students since 2010.

EDUCATION

Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School

Baltimore, MD

Master of Business Administration

2015

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

2007