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Summary

Public Policy Professional with 8 years of experience in public, private and non-profit sectors. Federal policy knowledge includes agriculture, appropriations, education, housing, financial services and telecommunications.

Professional Experience

Volunteer

September 2020 – November 2020

Joe Biden for President

Pennsylvania and District of Columbia

- Served as a contributor on the Housing and Community Development Working Group, which provided community development financial institution (CDFI) policy recommendations to Don Graves and Joe Biden for President Team.
- Coordinated with Pennsylvania (PA) Believers for Biden to increase voter turnout in Dauphin County, PA.
- Canvassed voters in Harrisburg, York, and Lancaster, PA during Get Out the Vote (GOTV).

Senior Associate of Public Policy

March 2019 – Present

Opportunity Finance Network (OFN)

Washington, DC

- Co-leads appropriations and housing policy for top CDFI association.
- Develops letters to Congress and federal agencies expressing support or opposition to legislative or regulatory changes.
- Contributes CDFI perspective on Housing Finance Reform to academic studies conducted by industry partners.
- Drafts language for federal legislation. Most recently worked with the Senate and House Appropriations Committees to include language in the FY2021 bill that would extend funding for USDA's Community Facilities Re-lending Program.

Manager of Government Affairs

June 2018 – November 2018

National Parent-Teacher Association

Alexandria, VA

- Led the development of the association's public policy agenda, which highlighted key legislative priorities.
- Advised executive leadership on federal legislation that impacted the education, safety, and health of students.
- Drafted letters and public comments to Congress and federal agencies.

Manager of Public Policy & Government Affairs

May 2017 – June 2018

Discovery, Inc (Discovery Channel, Food Network, HGTV)

Silver Spring, MD

- Advised senior executives on federal legislation related to antitrust and telecommunications issues.
- Coordinated Discovery's 2018-2019 congressional engagement strategy.
- Composed briefing memorandums for CEO David Zaslav in preparation for meetings with Members of Congress.

Outreach Director (Political Appointee)

February 2016 – January 2017

U.S. Department of the Treasury

Washington, DC

- Led external and stakeholder engagement for *myRA*, President Obama's retirement savings program.
- Drafted financial policy memorandums for Secretary Jack Lew and other senior U.S. Treasury officials.
- Developed a robust communications plan, which led to a 25% increase in accounts and 8 federal agency partnerships.

Special Assistant (Political Appointee)

October 2013 – February 2016

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Washington, DC

- Advised the Under Secretary on Farm Bill implementation and international trade issues.
- Staffed and supported the Under Secretary at external events, including roundtables and a trade mission to Central America.
- Constructed written and oral testimonies for the Under Secretary's congressional hearings.

Research Assistant (Temporary)

February 2013 – June 2013

Business Forward

Washington, DC

- Supported company principals in planning and executing policy roundtables
- Managed client and stakeholder lists for Director of Programming.

Field Organizer

February 2012 – December 2012

Obama for America - Florida

Washington, DC

- Led phone-banking, voter registration, canvassing and community outreach activities in Miami Garden and North Miami.
- Staffed several campaign events featuring Vice President Joe Biden and First Lady Michelle Obama

Education

University of Wisconsin – Madison

September 2008 – December 2011

- Double Major: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science and Languages/Cultures of Asia.
- Study Abroad: International Relations Student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Winter and Spring 2011).

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