

Corey Anne Tellez

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EXPERIENCE

Office of the Majority Whip, Senator Richard J. Durbin (Illinois)

Deputy Chief of Staff

April 2019 – Present

Senior advisor responsible for directing a team that advances the goals of the Majority Whip, the Chair of the Judiciary Committee, and the Senate Democratic caucus

- Responsible for ensuring the coordination of the Majority Whip's policy, communications, speech, and floor teams as well as the Judiciary Committee to create opportunities to promote priorities
- Direct a team that develops policy solutions with the necessary political support to address the most challenging issues facing our country, from providing COVID-19 relief and addressing economic inequality and climate change to reforming the criminal justice system and protecting Dreamers
- Lead negotiator for Whip Durbin during bipartisan COVID relief package negotiations, including negotiations that resulted in \$900 billion of COVID relief being included in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*
- Led a team that successfully negotiated dozens of provisions in the *American Rescue Plan Act*, including 100% coverage of COBRA; tax relief for unemployment insurance beneficiaries; \$1 billion to address healthcare racial disparities by investing in the healthcare workforce in underserved communities; and extending Medicaid coverage postpartum

Legislative Director

July 2015 – April 2019

Chief policy advisor responsible for advancing the policy priorities of the Senate Democratic Whip

- Managed the day-to-day operations of the policy team, directing the development of legislation, ideas for hearings and briefings, and other efforts to further policy goals as well as the preparation of briefing materials, floor speeches, and vote recommendations
- Directed a 33-person team that introduced 100+ bills and resolutions, one constitutional amendment, and dozens of amendments, of which dozens of provisions have been signed into law including the most significant sentencing reform legislation in a generation
- Worked with the communications and state staff to successfully develop ideas for state events to highlight the Senator's legislative accomplishments
- Supervised the speechwriting and research teams that proactively identify opportunities to effectively communicate and support policy priorities
- Directed the 8-person constituent mail operation that responds to more than one million pieces of mail each year

Economic Policy Advisor

April 2011 – July 2015

Advised the Democratic Whip on economic policy and advanced the Senator's economic policy priorities

- Worked with leadership, committees, and stakeholders on issues related to financial services, tax, housing, budget and trade
- Successfully worked with a large coalition of stakeholders and bipartisan partners to effectively execute a strategy to pass the *Marketplace Fairness Act* in the Senate
- Successfully identified non-legislative opportunities to advance policy goals, such as engaging stakeholders to amplify efforts to challenge corporate inversions and working with the Department of Treasury on relevant regulations
- Responsible for preparing economic policy briefing materials, talking points, and weekly floor speeches and working with the press team on press releases, statements, and op-eds

Office of Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11)

DC Chief of Staff/Counsel

December 2009 – January 2011

Chief advisor in the DC office and responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of 4 offices with 14 staff and a budget of \$1.5 million

- Worked to obtain the political and financial support for a frontline campaign, including helping to raise \$2.5 million and obtaining the endorsements of dozens of national and Illinois-based organizations
- Oversaw an aggressive communications strategy that included \$600,000 in paid communications

Legislative Director/Counsel

January 2009 – December 2009

Chief policy advisor responsible for advising the Congresswoman on all policy matters and directing a team responsible for achieving tangible policy objectives

- Proactively identified opportunities for success necessary to launch a re-election campaign
- Directed a team that introduced 29 pieces of legislation, of which 14 passed the House and 6 were signed into law
- Handled the economic policy portfolio during the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis, including working to ensure priorities were reflected in the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act*

Office of Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy (NY-4)

Legislative Assistant

February 2007 – January 2009

Economic advisor to senior member of the Financial Services Committee during the 2008 financial crisis

- Handled banking, housing, tax and budget issues during the 2008 financial crisis and throughout the negotiations of the *Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008*
- Responsible for obtaining millions of dollars in federal funding for the 4th Congressional District through the appropriations process
- Introduced 7 bills, passed 9 amendments, and worked to include over a dozen provisions in key pieces of legislation related to financial services, appropriations, transportation, homeland security, budget, and tax

Office of Congressman Henry Cuellar (TX-28)

Legislative Assistant and Grants Coordinator

July 2006 – February 2007

- Policy advisor for financial services and housing
- Responsible for working with elected officials and organizations to identify and apply for federal grants

Scheduler

April 2006 – June 2006

Staff Assistant

March 2006

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION & BAR ADMISSION

Congressional Hispanic Staff Association, Member, 2007 – Present

Campaigns

- Biden for President, 2020 (tax and budget policy volunteer)
- Durbin for Senate, 2020 (senior advisor), 2014 (policy advisor, election protection lead)
- Hilary for President – Illinois, 2016 (election protection lead)
- Foster for Congress, 2012 (election protection co-lead; outreach)
- Halvorson for Congress, 2010 (senior advisor) 2008 (policy advisor, election protection lead)
- Duckworth for Congress, 2006 (poll watcher coordinator)

Illinois State Bar Association, Admitted November 2005

J.D., University of Illinois, College of Law, 2005

B.S., History and Political Science, University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, 2001