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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (PA)
Agriculture Legislative Assistant

Washington, DC
July 2019 – Present

- Serve as the Senator's senior advisor on agriculture, food, natural resources, and climate change, including his work on the Senate Agriculture Committee.
- Develop policy within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee, including conservation and climate change priorities
- Oversee implementation of the Senator's priorities included 2018 Farm Bill, including conservation program reforms, organic agriculture, nutrition, and dairy
- Coordinate with committee staff and stakeholders to develop and advance the Senator's policy priorities
- Develop legislation and implement initiatives to enhance the Senator's legislative profile, which includes proactively developing bipartisan staff relationships.
- Prepare and staff the Senator for relevant hearings, meetings, markups, and floor votes.
- Draft editorials, letters, talking points and speeches for press events, conferences, and meetings, and speak at events on the Senator's behalf.
- Work closely and collaboratively with state office staff to address constituent concerns.
- Supervise a legislative correspondent who supports the policy portfolio.

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)
Senior Policy Specialist
Policy Specialist

Washington, DC
May 2015 – July 2019

- Led NSAC's work on farm bill conservation programs and policies, including policy development, advocacy, and implementation
- Developed legislative proposals for congressional champions, including drafting legislation, direct advocacy to secure Congressional support, and public education on policy proposals
- Led agriculture appropriations and budget campaigns, including developing written testimony, securing increases for coalition priorities, developing questions and talking points for appropriators
- Led work on climate change, including development of policy positions, research, advocacy, and engagement with agriculture stakeholders
- Developed and maintained relationships with Congressional staff, USDA staff, and a wide range of agriculture and conservation stakeholders and partner organizations.
- Secured significant policy wins in the 2018 Farm Bill, including policies and provisions championed by NSAC, and led implementation efforts following farm bill passage
- Presented on federal farm policy at leading conservation and agriculture conferences, and organized and presented at Congressional briefings on conservation policy

Tufts University
Teaching Assistant, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

Boston, MA
Jan 2015 – May 2015

- Designed course materials and lectured on agricultural conservation for graduate policy course
- Coordinated class logistics, graded assignments, provided student guidance and assisted instructor

New England Farmers Union
Policy Fellow

Boston, MA
Sept 2014 – May 2015

National Farm to School Network
Policy Fellow

Washington, DC
Feb 2015 – May 2015

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Washington, DC
May 2014 – Feb 2015

National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)
Research Contractor/ Policy Fellow

Boston, MA
Sept 2013 – June 2014

New Entry Sustainable Farming Project
Farm Incubator Program Associate

Red Lodge, MT
July 2011 – Aug 2013

FoodCorps
Montana FoodCorps Service Member

Lyons, NE
Jan 2011 – July 2011

Center for Rural Affairs
Policy and Organizing Fellow

PANELS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

National Convening on Healthy Food Access **October 2020**
Panelist, Online Grocery, Delivery, and the Future of Food Retail

- Presented with a panel of experts on legislative efforts to expand access to healthy food

Farm Foundation **May 2020**
Panelist, Advancing Digital Agriculture and Conservation

- Presented with a panel of experts regarding conservation implementation and policy perspectives. Discussed measuring and evaluating conservation program outcomes from a federal policy perspective.

Soil Health Institute **July 2019**
Presenter, Soil Health Institute Annual Conference

- Presented at a plenary session to 300+ conference attendees regarding the soil health provisions included in the 2018 Farm Bill. Discussed key programs, policies, and farm bill implementation.

Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) **August 2018**
Presenter, Soil and Water Conservation Society Annual Meeting

- Presented on keynote panel on conservation provisions in ongoing farm bill negotiations. Discussed key policies and programs as relevant to soil health, water quality and climate change.

House and Senate Agriculture Committee Briefings **2018**
Panelist, Farm Bill Conservation and Soil Health Briefings

- Spoke at and helped organized briefings and panels regarding soil health policies and programs for inclusion in the 2018 Farm Bill.

EDUCATION

Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy **Boston, MA**
Master of Science: Agriculture, Food, and the Environment **2015**

Tufts University School of Medicine **Boston, MA**
Master of Public Health **2015**

Vassar College **Poughkeepsie, NY**
Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies **2010**

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP

- Biden for President, Policy Committee – Volunteer (2020)
- Clean Water for All – Policy Committee Co-chair (2017 – 2019)
- Soil Health Institute – Policy Committee (2016 – 2019)
- FoodCorps – Alumni Council (2016 – 2018)