

PANIZ REZAEEROD

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of U.S. Representative Joe Cunningham (SC-01)

Senior Legislative Assistant

January 2020 – January 2021

- Led House coalition of over 30 advocacy groups and 250 cosponsors to pass the *Great American Outdoors Act*
- Secured appropriations wins to prohibit development of oil and gas lease sales along Atlantic coast
- Managed broad policy portfolio including Natural Resources Committee, labor, tax, and financial services
- Coordinated with communications and district staff to message Member's legislative accomplishments
- Drafted talking points and prepared Member for House Natural Resources Committee hearings and markups

Legislative Assistant

February 2019 – December 2019

- Drafted and advanced multiple bills and amendments, nearly a dozen of which became law or passed the House
- Managed Member's Natural Resources Committee work
- Successfully passed H.R. 1941, the Member's priority offshore drilling bill, through the House

CoBank

Government Relations Specialist

December 2017 – February 2019

- Expanded CoBank's Hill outreach focused on access to credit for rural communities of color
- Advocated in favor of the Farm Credit System's status as a Government-Sponsored Enterprise (GSE)
- Supported partnership with DC Central Kitchen to rebuild urban food systems through social enterprise
- Identified projects to combat homelessness, food scarcity, and disparate health outcomes in rural and urban areas

U.S. House Committee on Financial Services, Ranking Member Maxine Waters (CA-43)

Research & Special Assistant

July 2016 – December 2017

- Prepared policy memoranda on housing, banking, credit reporting, and oversight issues
- Contributed to Committee staff reports on consumer credit issues and the Wells Fargo account fraud scandal
- Performed confidential document review for the Oversight Subcommittee in support of Committee investigations
- Organized staff briefings with industry groups and public interest advocates to discuss financial services issues

Special Assistant to Ranking Member Maxine Waters

February 2016 – July 2016

- Briefed Member on votes and meetings with constituents, lobbyists, and advocacy groups
- Managed Member's personal correspondence with other Members of Congress
- Drafted letters and talking points on policy priorities in consultation with the Legislative Director

Staff Assistant

October 2015 – February 2016

- Coordinated with staff for 26 Democratic Members to prepare remarks for Committee proceedings
- Assisted staff of the Democratic Members to organize and convey legislative mark-up and hearing strategies

EDUCATION

Sewanee: The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Bachelor of Arts in Politics, *summa cum laude*

LANGUAGES

Farsi (fluent), Spanish (proficient)