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| POLICY EXPERIENCE | <p>Committee Economist and Livestock and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee Staff Director Jan. 2019 - Present <i>U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Washington, DC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage all activities and policy related to the Subcommittee including drafting and reviewing legislation and communications as well as planning hearings, Member and staff education, briefings, and field events • Oversee policy strategy related to dairy, livestock, poultry, aquaculture, cell cultured protein, meat and poultry inspection, animal health, animal welfare, Federal Milk Marketing Orders, foreign agricultural assistance, trade promotion, and food loss and waste prevention • Liaise with other Committees, Federal agencies, and relevant stakeholders on related issues including immigration, taxes, transportation, worker safety, animal feed, animal pharmaceuticals, animal biotechnology, border inspection, and international food assistance • Represent the Committee in discussions with embassies, staff-level briefings for the House Advisory Group on Negotiations and in Free Trade Agreement negotiation text consultations • Coordinate economic policy analysis and forecasted program costs across all full Committee jurisdiction with the Congressional Budget Office, University Policy Research Centers, and the USDA Office of the Chief Economist • Staffed an international bipartisan Congressional Delegation of nine Members to Brazil, Argentina, and Honduras focused on agriculture and national security in April 2019 • Active Top Secret Clearance <p>Professional Staff Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2019 <i>U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, Washington, DC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led staff negotiations for House Democrats on 2018 Farm Bill issues related to dairy, livestock, poultry, and food waste, resulting in the creation of Dairy Margin Coverage; National Animal Disease Prevention and Response Program; National Animal Vaccine and Veterinary Countermeasures Bank; Food Loss and Waste Reduction Liaison; and other provisions <p>Government Relations Manager Mar. 2016 – Feb. 2018 <i>Land O'Lakes, Inc., Washington, DC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed grassroots advocacy strategy for the Fortune 200 farmer-owned cooperative, including fly-ins, legislative campaigns, site tours, elected farmer leader engagement, and outreach to young farmers • Advocated before Congress and Federal agencies on issues facing farmers-owners including farm programs, dairy, crop insurance, food labeling, biotechnology, trade, tax, conservation, international development and food assistance, immigration, crop protection products, Capper-Volstead, and nutrition programs • Managed policy coordination with national associations including the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, National Milk Producers Federation, International Dairy Foods Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, American Seed Trade Association, Agriculture Retailers Association, National Grain and Feed Association, CropLife America, American Feed Ingredient Association, Grocery Manufacturers Association (now Consumer Brands Association), Snack Foods Association (now SNAC), and School Nutrition Association <p>Government Relations Specialist May 2012 – Mar. 2016 <i>Land O'Lakes, Inc., Washington, DC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted policy briefs and advocated on behalf of farmer-members, board of directors, and senior management staff related to the 2014 Farm Bill; Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act; Global Food Security Act; Pesticide Registration Improvement Extension Act; and other legislation and regulatory implementation |
| EDUCATION | <p>MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management Dual Degree Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Science, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. Aug. 2018 • Master of Business Administration, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. Nov. 2018 <p><i>Capstone Title: Evaluating the Margin Protection Program and Future Options for the Dairy Safety Net</i></p> <p><i>International Experience: Strategic Food and Agribusiness Management: Ribeirão Preto, Brazil</i> May 2018</p> <p>Bachelor of Science, Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn. May 2012 <i>Emphasis: Trade and Development, Minor: Mass Communications</i></p> <p><i>International Experience: Arab Media in the Time of Revolution: Doha, Qatar</i> Dec. 2011</p> <p><i>Study of Chinese Agriculture: Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, China</i> Jan. 2009</p> |