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Professional Experience

January 2011 – present **House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Highways & Transit** Professional Staff
 • Policy specialist on public transportation, transportation research, metropolitan and state planning, and portions of the federal highway program.

April 2007 – January 2011 **House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources** Legislative Staff
 • Provided expert advice and analysis to Committee Chairman and other Committee Members on various energy and budgetary issues under the jurisdiction of the Committee, including: onshore and offshore energy leasing, exploration, and development; renewable energy development onshore and offshore; national and international energy outlooks and forecasts; geological carbon sequestration; royalty collection, U.S. Geological Survey resource assessments, geospatial data; energy policies and needs in United States territories and insular areas and Department of the Interior and Department of Energy budgets and appropriations.
 • Served as senior point of contact between the Natural Resources Committee and House Speaker and House Democratic Leader offices on issues surrounding the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, oil spill, and resultant legislation. Maintained close contact with senior staff of Leadership offices and federal agencies in developing the Democratic legislative response to the oil spill, H.R. 3534, the CLEAR Act.
 • Led and managed committee investigation into *Deepwater Horizon* explosion and oil spill; kept senior Committee and leadership officials well-informed on progress of investigation and on need for additional documents.
 • Responsible for drafting large portions of H.R. 3534, and also coordinated drafting efforts of other staff within the committee, worked with Member and leadership offices on markup and Floor amendments.
 • Briefed Speaker Pelosi on amendment compromise necessary to get the votes of several undecided House Members on H.R. 3534 during Floor debate in July, 2010.
 • Collaborated with Appropriations Committee staff on budget requests and policy issues relevant to subcommittee's jurisdiction.
 • Directed strategies for Democratic efforts to counter offshore drilling arguments throughout 2008; drafted majority of Committee's "Truth About America's Energy" white paper; participated in strategy sessions with Speaker's office, Majority Leader's Office, and other Democratic leadership and personal offices on effective strategies and initiatives to counter opposition messaging; created floor charts and talking points for Democratic leadership and individual Members; instrumental in drafting H.R. 6251, H.R. 6515, and H.R. 6899, and bringing those bills to the Floor.
 • Organized all or part of 26 subcommittee and full committee hearings. Responsibilities included: developing hearing ideas individually or with Committee Members; identifying appropriate witnesses; preparing background materials for Chairman and other Members of the committee; preparing Chairman's statements and questions for Chairman and other Members; providing pertinent information to Chairman, and answering questions from Chairman and other Members, during hearings; and developing follow-up questions for witnesses to be answered for the official hearing Record.
 • Initiated six Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports, and acted as committee liaison with GAO for an additional 13 reports and testimonies.
 • Worked closely with staff from multiple Congressional committees, including House Energy and Commerce, House Transportation and Infrastructure, House Science and Technology, House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, and Senate Energy and Natural Resources on various legislative and oversight initiatives.
 • Managed fellows and interns for the subcommittee.

April 2006 – April 2007 **Office of Senator Robert Menendez (D-NJ)** Legislative Assistant
 • Chief policy advisor and speechwriter for Senator's Energy and Natural Resources committee issues, in addition to transportation, the environment, science, and agriculture.
 • Responsible for initial drafting (with Sen. Sanders' office) of Senate language for Energy and Environmental Block Grant program, which was eventually enacted as the Energy and Environmental Conservation Block Grant program via Subtitle E of Title V of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.
 • Researched, drafted, and coordinated office outreach efforts for: an amendment on renewable energy that was accepted during floor action on Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Defense Authorization, an amendment on science education that was accepted during committee markup of the Protecting America's Competitive Edge through Energy Act (PACE-Energy; H.R. 2272); portions of S. 3756, the Healthy School Bus Act, to investigate in-cabin school bus pollution.
 • Developed and implemented the next phase of Liberty Corridor, a transportation/innovation initiative named a "Project of National and Regional Significance" in SAFETEA-LU (P.L. 109-59). Presented details of the initiative at a public NJ transportation conference, and to a private briefing of New Jersey transportation and education leaders. Coordinated follow-up meetings with stakeholders and state officials to advance goals of the initiative.