

Carrie T. Calvert

Professional Profile

Ms. Calvert is a lobbyist with over eighteen years of experience in the field of public law and policy. Ms. Calvert has experience in all areas of the legislative process including steering legislative strategy, drafting legislative language, advocating legislation pertinent to her clients, attending congressional hearings, coordinating with congressional staff, reporters, and other lobbying organizations, analyzing and developing policies, federal policy implementation, and fostering and maintaining partnerships with donors, members of the food industry and government agencies.

Work Experience

FEEDING AMERICA (formerly America's Second Harvest), Washington DC **Director, Tax and Commodity Policy (September 2004 – Present)**

Responsible for directing and managing all tax, nonprofit, commodity and budget legislation to increase food available to the Feeding America network of 198 food banks and 60,000 direct service agencies, as well as an active team member in providing leadership and outreach to Congress regarding federal nutrition programs.

Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Monitor and analyze legislative actions of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, House and Senate Budget Committees, House and Senate Appropriations Committees, Senate Finance Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and House and Senate Leadership offices, specifically for issues and funding levels that affect federal nutrition programs, nonprofit governance, charitable giving incentives, and tax incentives to encourage food and fund donations to nonprofit organizations.
- Plan and prepare section by section legislative analysis of proposed authorizing legislation affecting federal nutrition program like the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program. Specific legislation includes the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, the Pension Protection Act of 2006, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.
- Schedule and conduct briefings with members of Congress and congressional staff on Feeding America legislative priorities.
- Research, draft, and write briefing materials and position papers for Congressional, Administrative, and other partner organizations on Feeding America legislative priorities and programs affecting federal nutrition assistance programs. Analyze federal nutrition assistance program policies and interpret for implementation in Feeding America food bank programs.
- Propose, answer, and analyze questions and proposals to members of Congress and congressional staff to shape the policy and legislative proposals regarding federal nutrition programs and tax legislation affecting Feeding America. Research, review, and interpret Internal Revenue Service rulings and court cases and their impact on federal tax incentives for donated food.
- Review, analyze, and draft proposed, amended, or enacted legislation for use by senior executives in the Feeding America organization, Congress, the Administration, and other nonprofit organizations.
- Responsible for the development and implementation of a legislative strategy to enact legislation expanding federal tax deductions for donations of food to nonprofit organizations; this included incorporation of partners in farm, restaurant, retailing, and food manufacturing sectors, other partners at anti-hunger organizations, and other food industry associations.
- Prepare detailed summaries for colleagues, donors, and the food bank network on congressional hearings and markups, federal regulatory activity, and public and private sector studies affecting food donations. Research, collect, and analyze data from the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, and Feeding America on food

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donations; analyze the data to better inform legislative strategy and policy to increase available food and funds to the Feeding America network.

- Plan and develop materials for webinars and workshops with Feeding America network members and other organizations on the impact and implementation of federal policies and programs impacting Feeding America, including SNAP, TEFAP, CSFP, federal tax incentives for charitable donations, and charitable giving incentives for individual taxpayers.

Key Accomplishments:

- Advocated for and achieved passage of landmark legislation to expand tax legislation for food donations for the first time in 30 years, including:
 - The Pension Protection Act of 2006,
 - The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008,
 - The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.
- Provided legislative analysis and lobbying leadership that resulted in passage of key nutrition legislation, including:
 - The Nutrition title of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 that resulted in landmark mandatory funding levels for TEFAP,
 - The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and
 - The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010.
 - The Farm Bill of 2014, including a \$205 million increase in TEFAP funding.

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP, Washington DC

Tax and Finance Legislative Assistant (June 2000 – September 2004)

Worked to provide guidance and lobbying strategies and support to several fortune 500 companies, US based companies and state and local governments.

Key Contributions

- Work with a team to develop political and lobbying strategies for numerous clients.
- Attend congressional and regulatory hearings on tax reform, tax cuts, financial modernization, and insurance regulation among other pertinent issues.
- Prepare detailed summaries for clients on congressional hearings and markups, federal regulatory activity, and public and private sector studies.
- Provide analyses of policy, procedural and political developments on tax, insurance, and financial market issues.
- Assist clients in drafting and developing language for legislative proposals and markups.
- Maintain network of press and congressional staff contacts on key issue areas.
- Monitor legislative and media developments concerning client issues.

Public Law and Policy Legislative Assistant (June 1997 – June 2000)

Provided designated clients with legislative analyses regarding federal and state bills by researching appropriate legislative histories, statutes and regulations and also attending congressional and regulatory hearings.

Research Assistant (January 1997 – June 1997)

Assist attorneys with client issues, including shepardizing court decisions, researching legislative histories, and creating graphics and other supportive documentation for trial.

Productivity Tools

Proficient in the use of Lexis-Nexis, Westlaw, Windows 98/2000/XP/VISTA, Microsoft Power Point, Word, Excel, Outlook, Adobe Acrobat.

Education and Awards

The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, English Literature, May 1998
Recipient of Presidential Academic Scholarship, Board of Trustees Scholarship, Norfolk Foundation Grant, Lincoln-Lane Foundation Scholarship, and Tidewater Builder's Association Scholarship