

Eric N. Keber

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband, Washington, D.C. (January 2007 – Present)

Vice President of Government Affairs (January 2018 – Present)

Director of Government Affairs (January 2012 – December 2017)

Government Affairs Manager (January 2007 – December 2011)

Responsibilities include:

- Implementing WTA’s legislative advocacy efforts including lobbying Congressional committees and personal offices on legislative priorities
- Organizing frequent grass-roots fly-ins; leading advocacy meetings with Association Members on Capitol Hill, the FCC and other federal agencies; and creating policy materials
- Formulating policy positions with WTA Committees and Board of Directors
- Drafting and analyzing legislative proposals and report language for policy priorities
- Regularly speaking at state-level association meetings and WTA’s conventions to update stakeholders on federal public policy
- Working with USDA’s Rural Utilities Service to ensure effective policy outcomes
- Collaborating with industry partners and allies to advance legislative goals as coalitions
- Creating and updating website content
- Writing monthly newsletters and updates to association members and press releases
- Assisting with the planning and administration of WTA conventions

Office of Congressman from the state of Minnesota, Washington, D.C. (May 2004 – December 2006)

Legislative Director (June 2006 – December 2006)

Senior Legislative Assistant (May 2004 – June 2006)

- Oversaw and managed the Congressman’s key legislative initiatives including telecommunications, energy, renewable fuels, health care, Science Committee, and the Rural Caucus Telecommunications Task Force
- Developed and prepared legislation, floor statements, talking points, Dear Colleague letters, and delegation letters
- Managed other legislative staff
- Responsible for prioritizing, organizing, and submitting appropriations requests
- Conducted daily meetings with constituents and interest groups

Office of Congressman from the state of Florida, Washington, D.C. (September 2000-May 2004)

Research Aide (December 2002-May 2004)

Legislative Correspondent (September 2000-December 2002)

- Supported the Congressman on agriculture, trade, labor, interior, judiciary, and other legislative issues
- Organized agriculture appropriations requests for a Member of the Appropriations Committee by meeting with constituent interest groups, prioritizing requests, and submitting these requests to the Committee.
- Responded to all constituent correspondence

EDUCATION:

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA, 1996-2000

- Dual Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Economics and Political Science