

Christopher T. Spear

Biography

Chris Spear is a government relations specialist with over two decades experience on five continents, serving the transportation, energy and defense technology sectors.

Mr. Spear is President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Trucking Associations, advocating public policy on behalf of the nation's trucking industry. He serves on the Board of Directors for the American Transportation Research Institute, Trucking Cares Foundation and the Louisa Swain Foundation.



Previously, Mr. Spear was Vice President of Government Affairs for Hyundai Motor Company, serving on the Global Automakers Executive Committee; Senior Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the American Trucking Associations; Vice President of Emerging Markets for Honeywell International, based in Bracknell, United Kingdom; and, Vice President of Honeywell Global Government Relations in Washington, DC and Brussels, Belgium, managing corporate interests in the US, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Central Asia and Latin America.

Mr. Spear served in the US federal government as Deputy Representative for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq. Prior, he was nominated by President George W. Bush and unanimously confirmed by the US Senate as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy. During his appointment, he was the President's Senior Advisor to the Iraqi Ministry of Labor; Commissioner on the President's Mental Health Commission; and, Executive Committee Member of the US Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board. Before his nomination, Mr. Spear worked as professional staff in the US Senate.

Mr. Spear is a graduate of the Honeywell Executive Development Program, a recipient of Honeywell's Premier Achievement Award and was awarded the US Department of Defense Joint Civilian Service Medal. He holds a master's and bachelor's degree from the University of Wyoming.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Trucking Associations

President and Chief Executive Officer (7/16 – Present)

American Trucking Association (ATA) is a 90 year-old, 180 employee trade association shaping and advocating international and domestic policy on behalf of the nation's trucking industry. ATA represents a federation of 50 state associations and over 33,000 members consisting of motor carriers, original equipment manufacturers, suppliers and services for more than 8.5 million industry employees moving 71 percent of domestic freight. This position serves as the face of the United States trucking industry, advising the President, cabinet secretaries, Congress and governors; and, advocating key priorities, including testifying 25 times before the House and Senate resulting in the enactment of a national infrastructure bill; securing a 6 - 3 decision in the Supreme Court staying the federal government's COVID vaccine mandate; and, launching law suit abuse, workforce development, energy and environmental campaigns nationally.

Senior Vice President for Legislative Affairs (3/14 – 8/15)

Serving as ATA's most senior lobbyist on Capitol Hill, this position leads industry advocacy on a diverse set of priorities, including safety, tax, trade, labor, environment and security. While in this role, several legislative victories were secured, including regulatory reforms and mandates at the Department of Transportation. This role is also responsible for ATA's Call on Washington program, hosting on average 40 state association visits to Capitol Hill during a single legislative session. This position was also responsible for building and leading industry coalitions and generating support for issues impacting the supply chain.

Hyundai Motor Company

Vice President for Government Affairs (8/15 – 7/16)

Held between ATA roles, this position served as Hyundai's most senior federal and state lobbyist, leading corporate advocacy on safety, tax, trade, labor and environmental standards. This position also represented corporate interests as a member of the Global Automakers Executive Committee, developing industry-wide support for policies and coordinating strategy. This position also supported safety initiatives for Korean corporate leaders and US regulators, including product development and recall management and communications.

Honeywell International

Vice President for New Emerging Markets (4/11 – 8/12)

Serving as Honeywell's senior business development leader, this position was responsible for seven developing markets: Nigeria, Libya, Iraq, Syria, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Based in the United Kingdom, the position managed 135 employees and operations, including the strategic and annual operating plan, and the formational and board responsibilities for two joint ventures in Libya and Nigeria, respectively.

Vice President for Global Government Relations (7/04 – 4/11)

Serving as Honeywell's immediate government representative, this position was responsible for legislative and regulatory strategies and developing contractual frameworks in state-owned economies. Based in Washington, DC and Brussels, Belgium, this position managed 30 employees and initiatives in the US, Europe, Middle East, Africa, Central Asia and Latin America.

United States Government

Deputy Representative for the Coalition Provisional Authority, Iraq (1/04 – 7/04)

Advising the President and Secretary of Defense, this position was responsible for coordinating the transition of 25 Iraqi ministries from coalition to sovereign control.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Policy (2/01 – 1/04)

Advising the President and Secretary of Labor, this US Senate-confirmed position oversaw budget, regulatory, legislative and programmatic policy of 22 agencies. This position also served as the President's Senior Advisor to the Iraq Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Senate Professional Staff (10/93 – 2/01)

Advising Senators Simpson, Enzi and Hutchinson as a Legislative Assistant, Majority Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Employment and Legislative Director, respectively, these positions advanced legislative initiatives, writing and enacting three OSHA bills into law.

EDUCATION, BOARDS AND CREDENTIALS

Master of Public Administration, University of Wyoming (1995)

Bachelor of Political Science, University of Wyoming (1992)

Board Vice Chair, American Transportation Research Institute (2016 – Present)

Board Member, Trucking Cares Foundation (2018 – Present)

Board Member, Louisa Swain Foundation (2018 – Present)

Board of Elders, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (2016 – Present)

Board Member, Congressional Award Foundation (2017 – 2019)

Honeywell Executive Development Program (2011)

Honeywell Premier Achievement Award (2007)

Six Sigma Green Belt Certified (2005)

US Department of Defense Joint Civilian Service Achievement Medal (2004)

Top Secret Security Clearance (2000 – 2008)