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## ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE POLICY ♦ ADVOCACY ♦ LEADERSHIP

***20+ years of experience in energy and natural resources policy and advocacy, demonstrating deep knowledge, credibility, and dedication to ensuring that national natural resource policy is responsive to U.S. taxpayers.***

Exceptionally dedicated policy leader with a commitment to advocating for U.S. taxpayer interests related to water, energy, and natural resources. Leads legislative outreach and building and maintaining coalitions to reform federal policy. Skillful leader, advocate, public speaker, and writer, serving as lead author of influential reports related to the intersection of natural resources and responsible fiscal policy. Demonstrated credibility and prioritization of fact-based analysis and advocacy, and serves as diligent and independent, and nonpartisan voice for the interests of taxpayers. Serves in executive leadership capacity and directs natural resource activities for prestigious non-partisan advocacy organization.

## PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

**ADVOCACY:** *Experience advocating reform related to federal spending and management of natural resources across federal agencies; including Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, and the Department of Agriculture. Leader in development and promotion of policies in the interest of the taxpayer, ending corporate welfare, and reforming and eliminating wasteful programs and duplicative policies. Demonstrated commitment to work closely with both Republican and Democratic administrations and policymakers to achieve results.*

**LEADERSHIP:** *Strategically leads and supports the efficient and effective organizational capacity of Taxpayers for Common Sense as a key executive, organizing and executing on TCS priorities and ensuring the engagement of a highly knowledgeable and experienced senior staff team. Coaches, mentors, and develops junior staff and holds team members accountable for achieving organizational and coalition objectives. Works in partnership with president and leads senior staff in support of TCS priorities and creates the conditions for the organization and its staff to succeed.*

## EXPERIENCE

### **Taxpayers for Common Sense**

Nineteen years in several staff roles at the non-partisan budget watchdog, starting as outreach coordinator for a single issue campaign and rising to current position of vice president through consistent promotions and increasing responsibility.

### **Vice President**

Taxpayers for Common Sense

2000 – Present

### **Leadership Duties**

- Serves on the executive team of Taxpayers for Common Sense, and in conjunction with TCS' president and board, shares responsibility for strategic direction, organizational outcomes, and operational effectiveness of TCS
- Partners with TCS' president to develop, execute, and measure progress towards organizational strategic goals, engaging staff on the achievement of these goals
- Coordinates with president on recruiting, hiring, promotions, and other human resource decisions to support organizational strategic goals, and to ensure a diverse and engaged team of staff and board
- Supports president in identification, recruiting, and maintenance of positive relationships with TCS board members
- Supports TCS' president in their work as the chief development/fundraising representative of TCS, including creation and execution of TCS' development vision and maintenance of key relationships with foundations and individual donors to ensure financial solvency of TCS; organizes, directs, and engages all staff in support of these efforts
- Serves as key spokesperson and ambassador for TCS programs with external entities, including but not limited to the Congressional offices, coalition partners, and others
- Leads and manages legislative and outreach efforts performed by senior staff
- Represents TCS at board meetings, general meetings, and events as visible member of TCS' Executive team

- Serves as a leader within core TCS coalitions, contributing to and seeking opportunities to lead coalition agendas in support of TCS' president and strategic priorities
- Drives agendas on TCS' core issues through writing and/or directing creation of specific materials for use across multiple outlets (thinkpieces, articles, presentations, hearings, testimony, social media/website, etc.); supports TCS' president in similar activities
- Supports TCS' growth, including identifying new and expanded development sources, coalition partners, and opportunities to raise TCS' profile as a premier source of high-quality research and information
- Represents TCS in public and media activities, coordinating closely with president, development, and communications team members to develop, execute, and monitor success of media, website, and other public interactions
- Supports president in direction and management of all marketing and branding efforts of TCS
- Contributes editorial comments in support of TCS' brand in written and digital products, particularly development and communications activities
- Manages and supervises senior staff performance and key contributions to TCS, including providing expertise and hands-on assistance in support of cross-program activities and for leadership and management of junior staff in these activities
- Contributes to the professional growth of senior staff by providing regular feedback, specific direction, mentorship, and coaching
- Engages TCS' development and communications staff to lead legislative and media agendas on TCS' key program issues
- Oversees application of project management best practices to ensure efficient operations of TCS
- Drives TCS' desired organizational culture through open support of president and colleagues, dedication to the TCS mission, and active commitment to supporting the organization's effectiveness

#### *Program-Specific Activities*

- Directs energy, water, and natural resources program, managing activities and leading team to support TCS' mission and leadership. Leads energy and natural resource analysis of annual Appropriations bills, President's Budget, as well as analysis of key authorization bills such as WRDA and the Energy Policy Act of 2005
- Generates and executes project and campaign plans for energy, water, and natural resources programs, regularly coordinating efforts with colleagues to ensure alignment and multiply impact
- Leads analysis of legislative developments, closely tracking appropriations, authorizations, and other Capitol Hill-based activities relevant to energy, water, and natural resources
- Informs and supports colleagues on legislative developments related to all TCS issue areas and strategic priorities
- Directs all research and writing activities in energy, water, and natural resources, engaging junior staff to contribute fully to these efforts. Drafts, edits, and finalizes energy, water written materials, professionally coordinating with other program staff and colleagues, particularly the core areas of development and communications
- Leads media interactions on energy, water, and natural resources, supporting the work of the president, TCS leadership and colleagues, and coordinating with development and communications professionals to ensure responsiveness and positive relationships with media
- Executes successful high-profile events related to relevant issue areas

## **EDUCATION**

**B.A., Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College (Phi Beta Kappa), May 1999**

## **CERTIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

**The Capitol.Net, Congressional Quarterly Executive Course, Washington, DC, Advanced Legislative Strategies, August 2005**

**USDA Graduate School, Washington, DC, Environmental Law and Policy, November 2002**

**National University of Costa Rica, Heredia, Costa Rica Cultural Ecology Program, Summer 1997**