

# Ernest Modarelli

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government affairs and strategic communications professional with over 15 years of experience leading advocacy campaigns and driving public policy change at local levels. Proven track record in legislative affairs, coalition building, stakeholder engagement, adept at managing complex projects and achieving significant policy outcomes. Eager to leverage expertise in government affairs and community mobilization to advance policies that promote transparency and democratic health.

## Government Affairs and Strategic Communications Manager

New York, NY | June 2022 – Present

Comprehensive government affairs and strategic communication strategy for healthcare, public transportation, and community development.

Resulting in the abolishment of over \$650 million in unpaid debt for over 100 individuals, demonstrating significant policy impact and public engagement.

Negotiated over 20 contracts with state and local governments (CA, NJ, AZ) generating over \$70 million in grants, effectively building strategic partnerships.

Large-scale public outreach efforts, including for the MTA's \$51.5 billion program and Congestion Pricing policy, building public support and engagement with diverse stakeholders.

Developed policies related to mass transit in collaboration with federal, state, and local elected officials and internal/external partners.

## Director for Policy and Government and Affairs

New York, NY and New Jersey | New York, NY |  
June 2022

Executed public outreach campaigns for major infrastructure

g community groups and elected officials through dozens of  
ons.

n New York and New Jersey Congressional and Senate  
cure federal funding allocations for critical projects.

ant teams on project advancement through federal  
view processes, demonstrating oversight of external

pment and research efforts on intercity bus management,  
gislative frameworks.

## **y Director of Policy & Policy Advisor**

***e Executive Chamber, Office of Governor Andrew***

***w York, NY | September 2016 – September 2018***

am in developing and reviewing major legislative proposals,  
n through the New York State Assembly and Senate.

h-profile policy initiatives, including "Congestion Pricing" and the  
merican Act," demonstrating leadership in state-level advocacy.

ensively with the private sector to implement economic  
jects statewide, fostering broad coalitions.

## **er; Committee Chair**

***mmunity Board 4 | New York, NY | January 2010 –***

l advising city government; drafted transportation-related