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# MEMBER AND COMMITTEE VACANCY LISTING Week of May 25, 2015

# **MEM-135-15**

The office of Congresswoman Tammy Duckworth seeks a Legislative **Director**. Responsibilities will include overseeing and implementing the Congresswoman's policy agenda; developing and advancing policy proposals; managing legislative staff; representing the Congresswoman in meetings and communication with various external stakeholders; coordinating with the press team and District Office on messaging and events; and coordinating Floor and Committee activity. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in advancing policy goals and at least 3 years of experience as a Legislative Assistant or Legislative Director, including handling some Committee work. A thorough understanding of House floor and committee procedure is required. Strong oral and written communications skills, good judgement and the ability to be proactive, resourceful, and thrive in a fast-paced environment are essential. Veterans, minorities, women, and those with Illinois ties are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to IllinoisHouseDemLD@gmail.com. No phone calls or drop-ins please.

## **MEM-133-15**

New England Democrat seeks a **Legislative Director** to coordinate and manage the Member's legislative agenda, as well as oversee an active and engaged legislative staff. Candidates should possess an in-depth understanding of the legislative process, have management experience, be a self-starter willing to think and act creatively, and thrive in a team-oriented environment. Excellent writing, verbal, and organizational skills are essential, as is the ability to work well under pressure. Previous Hill experience required, and New England ties are a plus. To apply, please email resume, cover letter, and two brief writing samples to <a href="mailto:hill.jobs@mail.house.gov">hill.jobs@mail.house.gov</a>. No phone calls or walk-ins, please.

### MEM-132-15

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Jeff Miller seeks a seasoned communications professional to oversee the implementation of the committee's communications strategy. This is a senior staff position reporting directly to the Staff Director. Successful candidates will have a record of accomplishment with internal and external communications, press relations and social media. Prior Capitol Hill experience is a plus. Qualified candidates should email a resume and three writing samples to <a href="mailto:var.resumes@mail.house.gov">var.resumes@mail.house.gov</a> with subject line: Communications Director. No phone or office calls, please.

### MEM-130-15

Northern California Democrat seeks a hard-working **Press Secretary** to help drive a dynamic, entrepreneurial communications operation. Responsibilities will include writing and editing press releases, op-eds, talking points, enewsletters, and franked communications; developing content for and managing website and social media; coordinating telephone town halls; directing interns on communications projects; and pitching stories to the press. Candidates must be able to develop a fine-tuned sensitivity to the priorities and views of the district and find ways to advance the Member's short-term and long-term legislative goals.

Potential candidates must have excellent writing skills and demonstrated abilities in digital media and communication. We're looking for a problem solver who can work quickly and calmly under pressure, with significant political experience and at least an above-average sense of humor. California ties, Spanish fluency, and familiarity with water, agriculture, military, and transportation policy will each be considered a plus. Please send cover letter, resume and a writing sample to <a href="mailto:CaliforniaCongressionalStaff@gmail.com">CaliforniaCongressionalStaff@gmail.com</a>. No phone calls or walk-ins please.

### MEM-127-15

A conservative Kansas Republican is seeking a high energy, highly-organized, and detail oriented **Field Representative** for his District Office.

# PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Serve as an official representative for the Member throughout communities in the District.

- Act as liaison with federal, district, and local government agencies, political officials, and other community organizations to form effective relationships for the Member.
- Monitor and update the Member and District Director on district and local issues of importance.
- Staff and provide logistical support for scheduled district meetings and events for the Member.
- Assess local and casework related issues for problems requiring possible legislative action; make recommendations to the District Director and Chief of Staff.
- Answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents.
- Provide casework assistance to constituents in a timely and efficient manner; proactively follow up on all open cases until a resolution is reached.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A candidate with a background or understanding of rural issues is preferred.
- Available to work long hours, including nights and weekends, if needed.
- Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to work with staff at all levels, work well under pressure and be detail oriented.
- Possess a thorough knowledge of the federal legislative process.
- Ability to quickly learn about key issues and events in the district for which the Member is involved.
- A qualified applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, possess or have the ability to possess a valid Kansas driver's license with the ability to travel as needed.

To apply, please email a resume and cover letter to Steven.Howe@mail.house.gov.

## MEM-125-15

Democratic member is seeking a **staff assistant** to manage the front office, supervise interns, assist with legislative tasks, and greet visitors. Qualified candidates will have excellent attention to detail, possess strong writing skills, excel at balancing competing demands, be able to anticipate and quickly solve problems in a fast-paced work environment, and be comfortable and welcoming with a wide variety of stakeholders. The ideal candidate will have a car and clean driving record, Capitol Hill experience, and a basic familiarity with the legislative process. Depending on previous work history, the opportunity for additional legislative responsibilities exists. Those with Northern California ties are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and brief writing sample to jo.th@mail.house.gov. Please no calls or drop-ins.

## MEM-124-15

Florida Democrat (Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz) seeks a high energy, highly organized, and detail oriented **District Outreach Coordinator** to work in the District Office. Excellent written and oral communication skills and the

desire to work collaboratively with a team in a fast-paced environment are required.

Ideal candidate would be politically astute and possess the ability to respond to challenging situations quickly and strategically. This position requires non-traditional hours and travel around the District.

## **CORE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- attend local meetings on behalf of the Congresswoman in the district;
- organize district events and meetings with key constituency groups;
- monitor and update the Member and District Director on district and local issues;
- answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents; and
- handle all White House and Capitol tour requests.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- strong academic credentials;
- strong writing, editing, and proofreading skills and oral communication skills;
- knowledge of all issues and events in the district in which the Member is involved;
- thoroughness and careful attention to detail;
- ability to exercise discretion and independent judgment in fulfillment of casework responsibilities;
- availability to work long hours;
- ability to work well under pressure; and
- ability to work cooperatively and courteously with others.

# **DUTIES:**

- acts as the grass roots representative for the Member within his or her area of responsibility;
- including answering casework correspondence, verbal communications with constituents, and acting as liaison with federal, district, and local agencies;
- informs the Member and the District Director of all happenings in his or her assigned issue areas by screening district media sources and interacting with constituents;
- handles all constituent tour requests for the White House and Capitol tours;
- acts as liaison and interfaces with city, county, district, and federal officials, the chamber of commerce and other persons or groups to form effective relationships for the Member;
- assesses casework for problems requiring legislative action and makes recommendations to the District Director and Chief of Staff/Administrative Assistant;
- screens and refers cases, when appropriate, to other district offices;
- trains and supervises Staff Assistants, including Interns, to handle Office

matters such as logging incoming and outgoing correspondence, handling visitors, telephone calls, and computer operations;

- logs in all incoming and outgoing mail and incoming telephone calls relating to casework; and
- prepares monthly reports for the District Director on pending cases and district activities in his or her assigned issue areas
- performs other duties as assigned.

# TO APPLY PLEASE SEND A COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO: FL23resume@mail.house.gov

# **MEM-123-15**

Ranking Member seeks a **Press Secretary or Communications Director** to manage committee, legislative and local press priorities. The applicant must be a hard worker who possesses excellent written, verbal and interpersonal skills. The ideal candidate has Hill and political experience. Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to employ@mail.house.gov.

## MEM-117-15

West Coast Democrat seeks an innovative and self-directed **Press Aide/Press Secretary** to work in his Washington, DC office.

Duties of the position include but are not limited to:

- Coordinating and managing all district and national communications operations.
- Developing and executing a proactive press strategy.
- Drafting written materials including press releases, op-eds, and talking points.
- Planning and coordinating press conferences and other media events.
- Pitching and booking interviews with local and national media outlets.
- Overseeing all social media platforms and website content.
- Building and maintaining excellent relationships with members of the district and national media and acting as a spokesperson for the Member.

Qualifications and Skills for the position:

- Exceptional oral and written communication skills, as well as excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent writing skills with a strong attention to detail.
- The ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment.
- Applicants should have superior organizational abilities.
- A successful candidate will be discreet, goal oriented, and driven.
- Applicants should have prior relevant press experience and demonstrated social media expertise.
- A sense of humor and the ability to work well as an individual and as a member of a team.
- Spanish fluency is required.
- An ideal candidate will have an undergraduate or graduate degree in communications or journalism and/or relevant professional experience.

If interested, please email a resume, cover letter, references, and salary history to <a href="Mailto:CAJobs@mail.house.gov">CAJobs@mail.house.gov</a> with "Press Aide/Press Secretary" in the subject line. Salary will be commensurate with experience. This is not an entry level position.

### MEM-116-15

A Maryland Democrat is seeking a high energy, highly-organized, and detail oriented **Field Representative** for his District Office.

# PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serve as the official representative for the Member in the local community.
- Act as liaison with federal, district, and local government agencies, political officials, and other community organizations to form effective relationships for the Member.
- Monitor and update the Member and District Directors on district and local issues of importance.
- Staff and provide logistical support for scheduled district meetings and events for the Member.
- Assess local and casework related issues for problems requiring possible legislative action; make recommendations to the District Directors and Chief of Staff.
- Answer casework correspondence and verbal communications with constituents.
- Provide casework assistance to constituents in a timely and efficient manner; proactively follow up on all open cases until a resolution is reached.
- Train and supervise a staff of Interns to handle routine Office matters, such as incoming correspondence, visitors, telephone calls, and other issues that may arise.

# QUALIFICATIONS:

- Thoroughness and careful attention to detail.
- Ability to work well under pressure while juggling multiple tasks with competing priorities.
- Ability to exercise discretion and independent judgment in fulfillment of casework responsibilities.
- Availability to work long hours, including nights and weekends, if needed.
- Ability to work cooperatively and courteously with others.
- Strong oral and written communication skills.
- Thorough knowledge of legislative process.
- Knowledge of all issues and events in the district in which the Member is involved.
- A working knowledge of the VA and military issues are preferred, but not required.
- Maryland ties are a plus.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. To

apply, please email a resume and cover letter to <a href="MD06.Jobs@mail.house.gov">MD06.Jobs@mail.house.gov</a>. No phone calls or walk-ins please.

### MEM-111-15

Senior Democratic Congresswoman seeks an experienced, organized and detail-oriented Scheduler/Office Manager for the Washington, D.C. office. Responsibilities include managing office calendars and visitor access to Member and staff in front office, organizing and tracking invitations, speaking engagements, travel reservations and other requests for the Member, coordinating with district staff, and maintaining administrative demands. The Scheduler/Office Manager will work closely with other staff members, particularly senior staffers, to ensure efficient and seamless office operations. Ideal candidates are flexible, responsive, collaborative, work well under pressure and on short deadlines, and are able to balance competing demands. Candidates must be available to assist the Member outside of regular business hours. Applicants should also have a positive attitude, excellent organizational skills, strong written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills, political instincts and an ability to thrive in a fast-paced environment. This is not an entry-level position. Previous Capitol Hill operational and/or scheduling experience is required. Ohio ties preferred. No phone calls, emails or drop-bys. Please submit cover letter, resume, and at least two references to Midwestern.Resume@mail.house.gov.

## **MEM-098-15**

The Majority staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is seeking a health care professional with expert knowledge of drug interactions, pathology, and general issues regarding quality of care to serve as a **Committee Investigator**. Clinical experience and/or healthcare-related investigatory background preferred. Veterans with requisite experience strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send their cover letter, resume, references and writing samples to <a href="VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov">VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov</a> with "Health Care Investigator" in the subject line. No walk-ins please.

## MEM-097-15

The Majority staff of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs is seeking a federal contracting professional with expert knowledge of federal statutes and regulations pertaining to acquisitions and procurement to serve as a **Committee Investigator**. At least 5 years of federal government acquisitions and procurement experience preferred, as is experience with facility construction contracts. Veterans with requisite experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should send their cover letter, resume, references and writing samples to <a href="VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov">VAR.Resumes@Mail.house.gov</a> with "Contract Investigator" in the subject line. No walk-ins please.

#### MEM-092-15

California Democrat (Rep. Jerry McNerney) seeks experienced **communications director** to develop and execute aggressive, proactive long-term media and outreach strategy.

Responsibilities include serving as chief spokesperson, successfully pitching stories and press events to both national and local media outlets, responding to media inquiries, effectively messaging policy and other priorities, maintaining an active new media profile, and writing press releases, op-eds, speeches, talking points, and franked mail.

Excellent written and oral communication skills, strong editing and proofreading abilities, and the desire to work collaboratively with a team in a fast-paced environment are required.

Candidate must be comfortable working closely with the Member and staff.

Ideal candidate would be politically astute and have a good sense of humor. Desired qualities include the ability to respond to challenging situations quickly and strategically.

This position requires non-traditional hours and travel to the District.

California ties, Hill experience, and Spanish literacy are a plus. Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume and two writing samples to: <a href="McNerneyResumes@mail.house.gov">McNerneyResumes@mail.house.gov</a>. No calls or drop ins, please.