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Summary: I am a capable and motivated public servant with more than two years of progressively advanced experience in Congress. I am interested in labor and economic policies as tools for empowering the disadvantaged and creating a more equitable distribution of outcomes. I currently serve as a Legislative Correspondent advising Senator Ben Cardin on labor, welfare, tech, immigration, and civil rights policy.

Professional Experience

U.S. Senator Benjamin L. Cardin [D-MD]

Legislative Correspondent

Washington, D.C.

July 2018 – Present

- Researched and analyzed via memos 100+ bills and resolutions for the Senator to cosponsor, 80+ oversight letters for the Senator to cosign, and 20+ meetings and Senate Committee hearings.
- Helped Floor Director/Chief Counsel write, manage, and build support for 10+ bills, including:
 - *The Government Employee Fair Treatment Act* (P.L. 116-1), which successfully became law and guarantees compensation and leave accrual for furloughed federal workers.
 - *Sami's Law* (S. 1871), which would incentivize the adoption of safety and identification policies for transportation network companies, such as Uber and Lyft.
 - Joint resolution to remove the deadline for state ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (S.J.Res. 6), which would prohibit discrimination based on sex.
- Drafted oversight letters to the administration, including to Social Security Administration (SSA) Commissioner on collective bargaining issues with unions, picking up significant Senate support.
- Helped Floor Director/Chief Counsel monitor and develop recommendations for judicial and agency nominations, including to Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and SSA.
- Wrote floor statements and speeches, assisted communications team in drafting press releases and talking points, and wrote 30+ response letters answering thousands of constituent mail.
- Led 200+ staff-level meetings with stakeholders, including government relations officials from firms such as Microsoft and AT&T, local governments, unions such as AFL-CIO, and numerous constituent advocates and activists.

Staff Assistant

September 2017 – June 2018

- Wrote 150+ personal congratulatory and condolence letters on behalf of Senator Cardin for constituents and VIPs, including Members of Congress and business/government executives.
- Assisted outside groups in holding events in the Capitol and Senate Office Buildings by reserving rooms and helping to coordinate logistics for food catering and security.
- Managed a busy front office reception area, greeting visitors coming in for meetings with staff and Senator Cardin, in addition to answering phone inquiries of numerous constituents.

U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Congressional Intern for Ranking Member Cardin

Washington, D.C.

July 2016 – August 2016

- Wrote memos and press clips on Southeast Asia, global security, and foreign aid issues.
- Prepared for committee hearings and meetings with stakeholder representatives.

U.S. Representative David N. Cicilline [D-RI-1]

Congressional Intern

Pawtucket, RI

May 2016 – July 2016

- Surveyed demographic information of constituent calls and developed data visualizations.
- Created database and files on municipal governments and elected officials in Rhode Island.

The Walt Disney Company

Corporate Strategy and Business Development Intern

Burbank, CA

June 2015 – August 2015

- Analyzed a merger of two major telecommunications companies and its effects on subscriptions.
- Worked with team to research and craft presentation on digital advertising industry landscape.

Education

Brown University

Bachelor of Arts in History (Ancient Rome and Late Antiquity)

Providence, RI

September 2013 – May 2017

- GPA: 3.7/4.0
- Concentration Capstone Seminar on Early Medieval North Africa, taught by Professor Jonathan Conant, with term paper centering on representations of Africa and Africans in Claudian's *The War Against Gildo* and *Against Eutropius*, as well as Ammianus Marcellinus' *Res Gestae*.

Extracurricular and Volunteering Activities

- *Congressional Hispanic Staff Association* (2017-Present): serve as a member and participate in social and networking events, talks from special guests, and volunteer opportunities.
- *Brown Journal of History* (2015-2017): served as a Senior Editor from 2016-2017 and Editor from 2015-2016 for yearly publication showcasing student writing on the subject of history.
- *Delta Tau Fraternity* (2014-2017): served as Vice President from 2015-2016 and Rush Chair from 2014-2015 for welcoming and diverse residential Greek Letter Organization aiming to foster and build positive, lifelong relationships between members and their community.
- *WBRU 95.5 FM* (2013-2017): served as a member of one of the oldest student-run college radio broadcasters in the country, participating in the screening of submissions from local music acts.

Skills and Interests

Software: Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint, and programming in Python, Java, and HTML.

Interests: painting and drawing portraits, international history, rock climbing, and tennis.

Languages: English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), and Japanese (Beginner).