



THE VOICE



OVERVIEW

While the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF), the Build Back Better Act, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the battle over a continuing resolution, raising the debt limit, and the impending holiday season consumed most of the oxygen on Capitol Hill these last few months, [Commonwealth Strategic Partners](#) (CSP) succeeded for their clients within the aforementioned legislation as well in other spaces.

Additionally, for the first time, CSP co-founders and managing partners George McElwee and Keith Pemrick [were recognized](#) in the 2021 edition of [The Hill's Top Lobbyists](#), listed alongside leading government affairs professionals from major industries and associations such as Google LLC, American Airlines Inc., and the American Bankers Association.

CSP ended the year on a high note as they signed new federal client [The Landline Company](#) for 2022. ●

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Churchill Mortgage/Heroes First

In October, Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Jon Ossoff (D-GA) introduced a [Senate companion](#) for CSP-championed bill [Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder \(HELPER\) Act](#).

The HELPER Act would create a VA home loan-style program for police and correctional officers, firefighters, EMTs and paramedics, and preK-12 teachers. Before its Senate introduction, the [House of Representatives version](#) of the HELPER Act already enjoyed a long list of bipartisan cosponsors.

Additionally, CSP worked with Heroes First Home Loans National Director Samuel P. Royer to publish an [op-ed](#) in the Bucks County Courier Times, a major newspaper in the area. The op-ed expressed appreciation for Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick's (R-PA) support for the HELPER Act and extolled the benefits it would have for his constituents.



Second Front Systems

In November, CSP hosted client [Second Front Systems](#), the manager of the Army Venture Capital Corporation (AVCC), for meetings with Reps. John Moolenaar (R-MI) and Peter Meijer (R-MI). Successful meetings were also had with staff from the offices of Reps. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), Ken Calvert (R-CA), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), and the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Prior to their Washington visit, Second Front Systems/AVCC had a productive introductory teleconference with President Biden's

Made in America Office at the Office of Management and Budget.

Additionally, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (NDAA) was signed into law by President Biden in late December. The bill included an amendment sponsored by Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI), which was advocated by CSP on behalf of Second Front Systems/AVCC. The amendment requires the Secretary of the Army, in conjunction with AVCC, to review vulnerabilities with the domestic supply chain for microelectronics for next-generation ground vehicles.

National Technology Security Coalition

In December, the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's [Cybersecurity Advisory Committee](#) held its [first meeting](#). The Committee was conceived and championed by CSP and client [National Technology Security Coalition](#) (NTSC) in 2019 and was passed into law via the National Defense Authorization Act





FUNDRAISING

- In October, members of CSP hosted an in-person fundraiser for Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler (R-WA).
- In December, members of CSP hosted a virtual fundraiser for Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA). ●

NEW CLIENTS

To close the year, CSP welcomed a new client: [The Landline Company](#). Landline connects regional communities to the world by providing friendly, reliable, and low-fare intermodal transportation. CSP will represent Landline in Washington, D.C. starting January 2022.

CSP is proud of what it accomplished in the final months of this year, and we are glad to share those accomplishments with its clients. We look forward to starting off 2022 with the same energy that propelled our success in 2021. ●

for Fiscal Year 2020. NTSC executive director Patrick Gaul was given an opportunity to provide remarks during the public portion of the meeting, during which he praised the Committee for its inclusion of NTSC board members as Committee members and expressed NTSC’s support for including Chief Information Security Officers in the cybersecurity regulatory process.

City of Aberdeen, Maryland

In November, CSP client [City of Aberdeen](#) applied for a Fiscal Year 2021 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant (CRISI), which is administered by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The City is requesting funding for preliminary engineering, design, geotechnical services, and cost estimates for the purpose of construction improvements at the Aberdeen Train Station. CSP assisted with grant writing and editing of the final proposal. Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD) sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg in support of Aberdeen’s application. FRA is expected to announce grant awardees in Spring 2022. ●

EVENTS

2021 IIUSA Virtual EB-5 Industry Forum

In November, CSP client [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA) held its second annual [Virtual EB-5 Industry Forum](#). The Forum brought together attorneys, regional centers, project sponsors, foreign intermediaries, and other interested parties to educate on the vital EB-5 economic development visa program, which provides visas to foreign investors who help fund major economic projects in distressed regions of the United States. The six-day event hosted over forty speakers, including CSP managing partner George McElwee. McElwee provided an update on CSP’s advocacy efforts to restart the expired EB-5 Regional Center Program.

With Honor Action 117th Congress Gala Dinner

In November, CSP managing partner Keith Pemrick attended the With Honor Action 117th Congress Gala Dinner at the Army Navy Country Club. The gala recognized the 26 veterans and Members of Congress in the bipartisan For Country Caucus that With Honor Action works alongside. Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO) was the recipient of the 117th Congress With Honor Action Principles Before Politics Award. The dinner also honored Afghan interpreters. With Honor Action was co-founded by Peter Dixon, CEO of CSP client Second Front Systems. ●



UPCOMING EVENTS

- In January, the NTSC will host a virtual 2022 Strategic Priorities CISO Panel. The panel will connect 75 senior technology security executives for a discussion of the challenges that will face the cybersecurity community in the upcoming year.
- Additionally, in February, the NTSC will host an in-person 2022 Southeast Regional CISO Policy Roundtable in Atlanta, Georgia.
- In February, members of CSP will hold an in-person fundraiser for Rep. John Katko (R-NY). ●



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