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OVERVIEW

Lawmakers left Washington, D.C. for their home districts in August. They returned in September to pass a continuing resolution to fund the government at its current level until December 16.

[Commonwealth Strategic Partners](#) (CSP) maximized Congress' limited time in D.C. this quarter to host several clients for in-person meetings and events.

Additionally, CSP co-founder Keith Pemrick joined the faculty at Penn State Harrisburg's [School of Public Affairs](#) where he will teach a fall semester class, *The Legislative Process*.

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

In August, CSP distributed [a timeline](#) published by client [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals](#) (PETA) detailing its role in releasing 4,000 beagles from a breeding facility in Cumberland, Virginia. CSP distributed the timeline to every office on the Hill to introduce PETA's advocacy efforts to each member of Congress.



Lendmark Financial Services

In September, CSP hosted Chris McKinley, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for client [Lendmark Financial Services](#) in D.C. Over a two-day period, CSP facilitated in-person meetings with staff from the offices of Sens. Jon Ossoff (D-GA), Tim Scott (R-SC), and Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), as well as Reps. Ted Budd (R-NC), John Carter (R-TX), Madeleine Dean (D-PA), William Timmons (R-SC), and John Rose (R-TN).

HELPER Act

In September, CSP hosted Sam Royer, National Director of client [Churchill Mortgage/Heroes First Home Loans](#) in D.C. Over a three-day period, CSP facilitated in-person meetings with Reps. John Rutherford (R-FL) and John Katko (R-NY). CSP and Mr. Royer also met with staff from the offices of Sens. Joe Manchin (D-WV), Mitt Romney (R-UT), and Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Reps. Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Tim Burchett (R-TN), David Kustoff (R-TN), John Rose (R-TN), Lauren Boebert (R-CO), and Troy Nehls (R-TX). Additionally, CSP led the effort to publish [an op-ed](#) penned by seven Ohio mayors. The op-ed expresses the mayors' support for the HELPER Act and encourages Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sherrod Brown (D-OH) to consider the legislation. ●





FUNDRAISING

- In July, Keith Pemrick hosted a fundraiser for Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA-06).
- In September, Keith Pemrick hosted a fundraiser for Pennsylvania governor candidate Josh Shapiro. Keith Pemrick also attended a fundraiser for Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA-07), Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA-03), and Rep. Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05).
- Additionally, in September, George McElwee hosted a fundraiser for Rep. David Joyce (R-OH-14) with special guest Rep. John Katko (R-NY-24) and attended fundraisers for Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN-08), Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-03), Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA-03), Rep. William Timmons (R-SC-04), Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH-08), and Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY-06).
- Finally, in September, Katie Hazlett attended a fundraiser for Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL). ●

EVENTS

National Technology Security Coalition

In July, CSP and client [NTSC](#) hosted the [2022 Annual National CISO Policy Conference](#) in Washington, D.C. The three-day conference included appearances by members of Congress and their staff, as well as National Cyber Director Chris Inglis. The speakers discussed the status of relevant cybersecurity legislation and policy and answered questions from NTSC members.

Additionally, in September, the NTSC held its annual [Central Regional CISO Policy Roundtable](#) in Chicago.

HELPER Act

In August, CSP held a webinar for local elected officials who have endorsed the [Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder \(HELPER\) Act](#). CSP provided the officials with an update on the legislation's progress and enlisted them to reach out to their federal lawmakers to express their support from the local level. The HELPER Act is cosponsored by a large, bipartisan list of 16 Senators and 82 Representatives. Additionally, the bill has been endorsed by over 250 national, state, and local organizations, unions, and elected officials. It awaits consideration in the House Financial Services and Senate Banking Committees.

Invest in the USA

In September, CSP client [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA) held a [Leadership Circle](#) in Milwaukee. CSP's George McElwee was in attendance. The two-day summit came on the heels of IIUSA's [successful settlement](#) with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. The settlement preserves the vital EB-5 regional center program until September 2027. ●



White House National Cyber Director Chris Inglis discusses the Administration's priorities with NTSC members.



UPCOMING EVENTS

In October, the NTSC will hold its first [UK International CISO Policy Roundtable](#) in London.

In November, the NTSC will hold its Northwest Regional CISO Policy Roundtable in Seattle. ●



NEW CLIENTS

In August, CSP began representing People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) in Washington, D.C. CSP is representing PETA on matters relating to federal funding of animal testing projects.

In September, CSP began representing Phenom Resources in Washington, DC. CSP represents Phenom on matters relating to their vanadium, a critical mineral project.

In October, CSP will begin representing Foundation Consumer Healthcare (Foundation HC) in Harrisburg, PA. CSP will represent Foundation HC on matters relating to women's healthcare. ●



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