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OVERVIEW

The third quarter was bisected by Congress' August recess. While members returned to their home districts, Commonwealth Strategic Partners (CSP) continued to engage with staff in Washington, D.C. Furthermore, the monthlong absence necessitated an especially busy July and September, which CSP embraced as an excellent opportunity to bring clients to town and grow support for legislative priorities.



In Harrisburg, after a monthlong impasse, the Senate sent a partially funded budget to Governor Shapiro, which he signed on August 3, 2023. The partially funded bill released state money for public schools, county

human services agencies, and other programs that rely on state tax dollars. The remaining \$1.1 billion of spending is still in limbo.

Additionally, in August, CSP welcomed its three new government affairs interns: Sophie Scott, Ryan Wilson, and Jack McPartland. All three are American University students who connected with CSP after taking a class taught by CSP's Keith Pemrick. ●

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

Feeding Pennsylvania

August, CSP joined [Feeding Pennsylvania](#) in the northwestern part of the state to host Sen. Casey (D-PA) for tours of two charitable food sites and a roundtable discussion around federal nutrition priorities in the upcoming Farm Bill.

Additionally, in September, CSP joined Feeding Pennsylvania in Washington, D.C., for a meeting with Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA) to talk about their policy priorities for the upcoming federal Farm Bill.



CSP's George McElwee with members of Feeding Pennsylvania and Chairman Thompson.

Volvo Construction

In addition, CSP joined Volvo Construction Equipment in August for an event announcing the design and production of their new electric compaction equipment and the grand opening of their new Technical Training Center in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. Several state and local legislators were in attendance, and Rep. John Joyce (R-PA) gave remarks.

National Technology Security Coalition

In September, CSP and the [National Technology Security Coalition](#) (NTSC) Executive Director Patrick Gaul conducted a series of meetings with staff for members of the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. Meetings focused on Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) reauthorization.

CSP and NTSC also met with staff for members of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Senate Banking Subcommittee on Securities to discuss the Securities and Exchange Commission's cyber incident reporting rule.

Ravn

In September, [Ravn](#) founder and CEO Jake Bullock joined CSP in D.C. for meetings with Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL) and staff from several other congressional offices.

Salute Home Loans

In September, CSP hosted two webinars on behalf of [Salute Home Loans](#). The webinars provided supporters of the [Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder \(HELPER\) Act](#) an update on the bill's status and what they can do to help make it a reality. The HELPER Act would provide first responders and teachers with an affordable, FHA-insured home loan option. CSP and Salute have been championing the legislation since its inception in 2021.

Additionally, in September, the HELPER Act surpassed 100 mayor endorsements. Those mayors represent everything from major cities like Minneapolis and Portland to small towns like Bear Grass, North Carolina.

Invest in the USA

In July, CSP hosted [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA) in D.C. for its third lobby day of 2023. CSP and IIUSA policy council members met with congressional staff and the White House Domestic Policy Council to discuss the EB-5 Regional Center Program, which offers foreign investors immigration visas in exchange for investments in development projects in economically distressed areas throughout the U.S.



PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk with Rep. Cohen at the unveiling of The Council of Animals.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

In July, CSP and [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals](#) (PETA) worked with Reps. Dina Titus (D-NV) and Troy Nehls (R-TX) to introduce the [Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas \(CARGO\) Act](#). The CARGO Act would ban the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from using taxpayer money to fund animal experimentation in foreign countries. From 2011 to 2021, NIH sent \$2.2 billion in taxpayer money overseas, most of which funded animal experimentation. The CARGO Act would end that practice, saving taxpayers money and sparing countless animals from cruel experiments in countries that may have lax animal rights laws.

Additionally, in July, PETA unveiled a sculpture exhibit called [The Council of Animals](#) on the National Mall in D.C. CSP worked with PETA to invite members of Congress to attend the unveiling and express their support for animal rights. PETA allies Reps. Steve Cohen (D-TN) and Jamie Raskin (D-CA) attended the event. ●



IIUSA Board Members in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building after meeting with the White House Domestic Policy Council.



FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- In July, NTSC held its [6th Annual National CISO Policy Conference](#) in D.C. Speakers at the conference included Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly. Additionally, in September, NTSC held its [2023 Southeast Regional Roundtable](#) in its home city of Atlanta. CSP's George McElwee attended.
- In July, Keith Pemrick, in his role as president of the [Pennsylvania State Society of Washington, D.C.](#), hosted a breakfast with Rep. Chris Deluzio (D-PA). In September, Keith hosted a Pennsylvania Society breakfast with Rep. Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA), and Keith and Katie Hazlett attended a fundraiser for Rep. Mike Waltz (R-FL).
- In July, George McElwee attended a fundraiser for Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC). In September, Keith hosted a fundraiser for Rep. Chris Deluzio (D-PA). In September, Katie Hazlett attended a fundraiser for Rep. Morgan Luttrell (R-TX).
- In August, CSP was a proud sponsor of the [Ag Progress Days](#) legislative dinner in State College, PA, and attended the State Agriculture and Rural Development Joint Committee Farm Bill hearing with House Agriculture Chair GT Thompson (R-PA).
- In September, CSP was a proud sponsor of the Capitol All-Stars Legislative Softball Game in Harrisburg, a non-partisan charitable softball game played by Pennsylvania lawmakers which raises money for the fight against hunger. ●



Wilson 500's Corinna Wilson with CSP's Keith Pemrick and Jane Clements.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- In October, CSP's D.C. team will be moving into a new office at 50 F Street, NW, Suite 1240, Washington, D.C. 20001, close to the Senate office buildings and Union Station. This follows the recent acquisition of office space by CSP's Harrisburg team at 131 State Street, Suite 2B, Harrisburg, PA 17101, steps from the State Capitol.
- In October, IIUSA will host its [2023 EB-5 Leadership Summit](#) in Washington, D.C. As part of the Summit, CSP and IIUSA policy council members will meet with congressional offices to discuss the benefits of the EB-5 Regional Center Program and the ways it can be strengthened.
- In October, CSP and PETA will host a House staff briefing in partnership with the [Congressional Animal Protection Caucus](#).
- In November, NTSC will host its 2023 Midwest Regional Roundtable in St. Louis.
- Additionally, in November, [POWER Engineers](#) will join CSP in D.C. for meetings with congressional staff. ●



NEW CLIENTS

- In September, CSP began representing [Cyware](#) in Washington, D.C. CSP represents Cyware on matters related to improving cybersecurity incident information sharing between the federal government and the private sector. ●

