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OVERVIEW

The first quarter of 2024 was packed with uncertainty as Congress wrestled with the federal government's FY2024 budget. CSP was able to stay on top of the shifting dynamics, delivering updates on the negotiations to our clients while securing opportunities for them to meet in-person with members of Congress and their staff.

Additionally, CSP is pleased to welcome Kayla Clare to our Harrisburg office. Kayla is a senior at Penn State Harrisburg, where she took a class taught by CSP Co-founder and Managing Partner Keith Pemrick. Kayla will work alongside Jane Clements, CSP's Vice President, State Government Affairs. ●

FEDERAL ADVOCACY

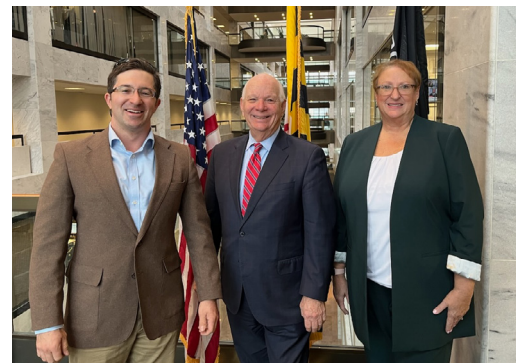
Aberdeen

In January, CSP client [City of Aberdeen](#) Mayor Patrick McGrady and Aberdeen Director of Planning and Community Development visited D.C. CSP facilitated meetings with Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) and staff from the offices of Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) to brief these offices on Aberdeen's Activity Center and Swan Meadows Infrastructure project funding requests. Additionally, the Aberdeen officials visited the Department of Transportation to meet with key staff for Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

In March, CSP was pleased to learn that Aberdeen's Station Square Improvement project [was awarded an \\$800,000 planning grant](#) from the Department of Transportation's [Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program](#). The funding will be used for engineering and design plans, an environmental feasibility study, and establishing right-of-way needs for future improvements to Aberdeen Train Station. The City was selected as one of 71 recipients from around the country. CSP assisted with grant writing and editing and securing letters of support from the congressional delegation. Previously, CSP assisted Aberdeen in securing \$4 million through the Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act.

American Association of Suicidology

In January, CSP hosted the [American Association of Suicidology](#) (AAS) in D.C. for meetings with members of Congress and their staff. Meetings focused on introducing AAS President and CEO Leeann Sherman to members and staff and discussing AAS's policy priorities.



Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) [middle] with Aberdeen Mayor Patrick McGrady and Aberdeen Director of Planning and Community Development Phyllis Grover.



Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA) [middle] with AAS President & CEO Leeann Sherman and AAS Board Chair Tony Coder.



Cyware

In January, CSP hosted [Cyware](#) in D.C. for meetings with congressional and committee staff as well as the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Meetings focused on Cyware’s automated threat intelligence platform and the benefits it provides to many of the Information Sharing and Analysis Centers (ISACs).

HELPER Act

In March, the Senate Banking Committee held [a hearing](#) entitled, “Examining Proposals to Address Housing Affordability, Availability, and Other Community Needs.” During the hearing, Chair Sherrod Brown (D-OH) made repeated references to the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act, a bill which has been championed by CSP since its inception in 2021. Chair Brown, an original cosponsor of [the Senate version](#) of the bill, discussed it in his [opening remarks](#), in [a witness question](#), and in his [closing statement](#).

Invest in the USA

In January, CSP hosted [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA) in D.C. for the first of four planned fly-ins for 2024. IIUSA board members met with congressional staff to discuss the EB-5 Regional Center Program and the economic development it brings to their districts. The IIUSA PAC also hosted Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA) for a conversation about the positive impacts of EB-5 on his district and across Philadelphia.

In February, CSP worked with Reps. Greg Stanton (D-AZ), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Dwight Evans (D-PA), and Lance Gooden (R-TX) to introduce the [EB-5 Regional Center Program Advisory Committee Authorization Act](#). The bill would establish an advisory committee within the US Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) for the EB-5 Regional Center Program, which USCIS administers. The advisory committee’s membership would consist of representatives from EB-5 Regional Centers as well as state and local government.

Additionally, in February, CSP worked with Reps. Stanton and Fitzpatrick to send [a letter](#) to U.S. Citizenship and Immigrations Services (USCIS) asking them to rescind or clarify guidance establishing a two-year sustainment period which an EB-5 immigrant investor must keep their investment at-risk. A two-year sustainment is not consistent with the congressional intent of the EB-5 Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 or other federal economic investment programs.

National Technology Security Coalition

In January and February, CSP hosted [National Technology Security Coalition](#) (NTSC) Executive Director Patrick Gaul in D.C. for meetings with congressional staff. Meetings focused on a major NTSC policy priority: establishing a federal consumer privacy mandate.

In March, CSP again hosted Mr. Gaul in D.C. to meet with several congressional offices. These meetings focused on staffers whose members sit on the newly established [House AI Task Force](#) to share NTSC members’ perspectives on the opportunities and risks of AI on cybersecurity.

Additionally, in March, CSP hosted NTSC in D.C. for its [2024 Mid-Atlantic Regional Roundtable](#). Speakers at the roundtable included Nick Leiserson, Assistant National Cyber Director for Cyber Policy & Program for the White House’s Office of the National Cyber Director, and Tim Kurth and Brannon Rains, senior staff for the majority on the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce.

POWER Engineers

In January, CSP hosted [POWER Engineers](#) in D.C. for its quarterly Hill engagements and met with offices representing their 4,000 employees. Through CSP’s outreach, POWER provided comments and a technical review of Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse’s (D-RI) draft legislation, the [Create Offshore Leadership and Livelihood Alignment by Operating Responsibly and Together for the Environment \(COLLOBRATE\) Act](#), which seeks to improve the offshore wind development process.



Ravn

In January and March, CSP hosted [Ravn](#) in D.C. for meetings with congressional staff, primarily from Senate and House offices who are members of the Armed Services Committees or the Appropriations Defense Subcommittees. Meetings focused on Ravn’s technology, which improves battlefield communications and data sharing within the Department of Defense, and Ravn’s request for funding in Fiscal Year 2025.



Ravn’s Jake Bullock (left) with Rep. Morgan Luttrell (R-TX). Both served as Navy SEALs.

PENNSYLVANIA ADVOCACY

Feeding Pennsylvania

In March, CSP joined state legislators and corporate sponsors for a State Capitol press conference for the [Capitol All-Stars Softball Game](#) (CASS) to announce that the 2023 game raised over \$60,000 for CSP's client [Feeding Pennsylvania](#) as well as [Hunger Free Pennsylvania](#). CASS is an annual non-partisan legislative softball game which raises proceeds for charitable food networks. In addition to Jane's role on the planning committee, CSP is a proud sponsor of the 2024 CASS game, which is scheduled for September 24 at FNB Field in Harrisburg.



Pennsylvania House Majority Leader Bryan Cutler speaking on the success of CASS.



Jane with the Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee at the Mack Experience Center. Left to right: Jacob Bausher, House Transportation Committee; Kelly Bobek, Volvo Group; Jane; Josiah Shelly, House Transportation Committee; Rep. Melissa Shusterman; House Transportation Chair Ed Neilson; Rep. Brian Smith; Kyle Wagonseller, House Transportation Committee; Rep. Donna Scheuren; Rep. Anthony Bellmon; Jessica Sander, House Transportation Committee; House Transportation Chair Kerry Benninghoff.

Volvo Group North America

In January, CSP accompanied members of the Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee on a tour of the [Mack Trucks Lehigh Valley Operation](#) in Macungie, PA. Mack is a subsidiary of CSP client [Volvo Group North America](#). In addition, the Committee visited the [Mack Experience Center](#) in Allentown, PA, where they toured the product showroom, visited the museum, and had the opportunity to test drive multiple Mack products on their test track.



FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- In February, Keith hosted fundraisers for Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA) and Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA). In March, Keith hosted a fundraiser for Rep. Susan Wild (D-PA) with special guest Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA).
- In March, Kayla was a keynote speaker at a press conference during Penn State's annual Capital Advocacy Day. Kayla highlighted her Penn State experience and her anticipated law school education in the upcoming fall. Kayla was chosen to speak at this event as she was recognized for her excellence in academia while working overtime to support herself and her family throughout her education. ●

Kayla giving remarks on the steps of the Pennsylvania Capitol Rotunda.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- In May, NTSC will host its [Northeast Regional Roundtable](#) in New York City. IIUSA will host its [2024 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum](#) in Atlanta. AAS will hold its 57th annual conference, [AAS24](#), in Las Vegas.
- In June, POWER Engineers' senior leadership team will visit the Department of Energy's [Idaho National Laboratory](#). ●



NEW CLIENTS

In February, CSP began representing the Philadelphia-area [Miquon School](#) in Harrisburg. CSP will represent Miquon on matters related to education funding. ●



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