Molly Block

Experience

House Committee on Natural Resources, Chairman Rob Bishop, Washington, D.C

Press Secretary March 2017 – Present

- Create media plans for legislation including Puerto Rico's economic crisis and comprehensive mining reform to organize messaging, engage stakeholders and boost the Committee's profile
- Draft speeches and op-eds for Chairman Bishop on issues including BLM methane regulations and Arctic energy development to generate national and regional news coverage
- Respond to press inquiries on behalf of the Committee and the Chairman in a strategic and timely fashion on breaking news, legislative priorities and incoming journalist requests
- Delegate responsibilities and review communications from the press shop including work from the Communications Assistant and Press Assistant in addition to training new hires
- Edit and design two weekly newsletters that are sent to a combined audience of 7,000 including constituents, industry and Hill staffers

Deputy Press Secretary April 2016 – February 2017

- Traveled with the Chairman and military personnel to manage field hearing press operations and develop firsthand knowledge and expertise on topics within the Committee's jurisdiction
- Cultivated relationships with reporters, industry groups, and press and policy staff in the 26 Republican Member offices to promote national and regional coverage of Committee policy objectives

Press Assistant and Media Relations Coordinator September 2015 - April 2016

- Pitched and booked Congressmen and surrogates for national and regional television and radio appearances
- Wrote and distributed media advisories for hearings on issues including the EPA's Animas River spill and offshore energy production in the Gulf of Mexico to shape the national narrative
- Increased exposure and highlighted key legislation in targeted markets by expanding press lists 30% to reach more than 1,200 national and local reporters and producers organized by outlet and issue area

Republican National Committee, Cleveland, OH July 2016

Republican National Convention Regional Media Outreach Team – West At-Large Professional Volunteer

- Booked 23 surrogates for over 75 media appearances in 24 outlets over 4 days of convention
- Coordinated in-person satellite interviews for delegates and circulated convention communication documents with regional outlets in OR, UT, MT, WA, and WY

United States Senate, Washington, D.C. May - August 2015

Paid Intern

- Strengthened constituent outreach through weekly meetings with interest groups about policy developments, the legislative agenda and day-to-day responsibilities on Capitol Hill
- Compiled and sent morning, midday and evening television, radio and print news clips using specialty online research tools and to Republican senate staffers

Legislative Intern May - July 2014

- Completed extensive oversight research on critical issues such as the Inspector General's audits of Veterans Affairs' Hospitals regarding manipulated wait times

Skills: Proficient in Spanish, Adobe Creative Suite, Basic HTML

Education

Ann Arbor, MI May 2015

- B.A. in Political Science, International Studies and Spanish – Honors Program
- Thesis: Fact or Fiction: Media's Tale of an Ideologically and Affectively Polarized Society
- Pi Beta Phi Fraternity, External Relations Co-Chair September 2011 - May 2015