

## April Canter, MPA

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### Legislative Strategist

*Forging Relationships, Strategizing Solutions, Realizing Success*

Identify and spearhead legislative strategies for Fortune 500 companies, members of Congress, and high-profile associations. Recognize, track, communicate, and advocate complex policies. Known for propelling dozens of legislative initiatives into law. Politically savvy and an experienced coalition builder.

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### Corporate & Association Experience

#### **AARP, Washington, DC**

*Federal Strategy Director*

*Present – 04/2023*

- Cultivate and maintain strategic relationships with Republican members of Congress – including Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, and Senate Finance Republicans – to advance AARP's policy priorities.
- Enlist support and co-sponsorship of several members of Congress for a top AARP legislative priority, a tax credit for working family caregivers.
- Conduct 100s meetings with Congress members and staff, successfully enlisting support for key policy initiatives.
- Create over 60 tax dossiers on House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committee members detailing their tax priorities ahead of the 2025 tax reconciliation discussion.

#### **ASXL Rare Research Endowment Foundation (ARRE), Arlington, Virginia**

*Director, Advocacy & Government Affairs*

*12/2020 – 09/2022*

- Developed Congressional appropriations advocacy strategies to fund genetic research of rare syndromes.
- Coordinated logistics with the scientific community for the 2022 ASXL Research Symposium and Family Conference.

#### **Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Washington, DC**

*Manager, Government Affairs*

*09/2016 – 10/2020*

- Maintained Harley-Davidson's federal and state government presence to promote safe roadways, advance electric vehicles and sustainable transportation alternatives, and support strategic business objectives.
- Achieved a successful conclusion of 80% of legislative/regulatory endeavors.
- Saved customers up to \$2,500 by successfully extending the federal tax credit for two-wheeled electric vehicle (EV) purchases.
- Created and expanded the Senate Bipartisan Motorcycle Caucus. Raised motorcycle safety awareness by holding panel discussions and events with legislators and staff.
- Proposed and passed language to improve motorcyclists' safety in H.R. 2 – "Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America Act" (INVEST Act) by collaborating with Congressional staff and colleagues at motorcycle riders' associations.

#### **American Nurses Association (ANA), Silver Spring, MD**

*Associate Director, Government Affairs*

#### **The Recording Academy (The GRAMMY Awards), Washington, DC**

*Manager of Government Affairs*

## Legislative Experience

### **Congressman Joe Sempolinski (R-NY), Washington, DC**

*Coalitions Director/Senior Legislative Assistant*

*09/2022 – 01/2023*

- Secured the attachment of three appropriations requests to H.R.2471 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022.
- Harmonized introducing and passing the “21st Century Assistive Technology Act” in the National Defense Authorization Act.

### **House Oversight and Government Reform Committee – Ranking Member Darrell Issa (R-CA), Washington, DC**

*Professional Staff Member – Contract*

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## Leadership Experience

### **Angelman Syndrome Foundation (ASF), Remote**

*Board Member*

*Present – 01/2024*

- Implement ASF's strategic plan focusing on family support, resource access, research commitment, and clinic support.
- Review and approve research grant proposals, allocating ASF funding to innovative projects with a high potential impact on individuals with Angelman syndrome.

### **Simons Searchlight, Remote**

*Community Advisory Committee*

*Present – 11/2023*

- Advise and guide research and community activities on behalf of all Simons Searchlight participants and genetic communities.
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## Education

### **Master of Public Administration (MPA)**

University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, CO

### **Bachelor of Science (BS), Political Science, Minor in Economics**

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ