

## Day on The Hill



### **Senator John Hickenlooper**

#### **U.S. Senator for Colorado**

Senator Hickenlooper was elected to represent Colorado in the U.S. Senate in 2020, and previously served as Mayor of Denver (2003-2011) and Governor of Colorado (2011-2019.) He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, The Commerce Committee, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



### **Senator Michael Bennet**

#### **U.S. Senator for Colorado**

Senator Bennet has represented Colorado in the United States Senate since 2009. Michael has built a reputation of taking on Washington dysfunction and working with Republicans and Democrats to address our nation's greatest challenges – including education, climate change, immigration, health care, and national security. He currently serves on the Finance Committee, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence which oversees the intelligence activities and programs of the U.S. government. He also serves as a ranking member on the subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure, and Forestry and Natural Resources, and as a member of the subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight Conservation, Jobs, Rural Economic Growth, and Energy Innovation, and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agriculture



## **Rep. Doug Lamborn**

### **U.S. Representative for Colorado**

Representative Lamborn has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2006. Colorado's Fifth District, based in Colorado Springs, is one of our nation's most military-intensive congressional districts and the home to more than 100,000 veterans who have served our country with distinction and honor. Representative Lamborn serves as a high-ranking member on the House Armed Services Committee and a former member for ten years of the Veterans Affairs Committee. He currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Readiness Subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee and its subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands, and the Energy and Mineral Resources subcommittee.



## **Rep. Brittney Petersen**

### **U.S. Representative for Colorado**

Brittany Pettersen is the Representative for Colorado's Seventh Congressional District in the United States Congress. She was elected in 2022, becoming the first woman to represent the Seventh District, which comprises Jefferson, Broomfield, Lake, Park, Teller, Chaffee, Fremont, and Custer counties. She is a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where she serves on the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance and the Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions



## **Rep. Joe Neguse**

### **U.S. Representative for Colorado**

Congressman Joe Neguse represents Colorado's 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2018, becoming the first Black Member of Congress in Colorado history. In December 2022, Rep. Neguse was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC), becoming the first Coloradan to serve in a senior elected leadership role in the House in over 85 years. He serves on the Natural Resources and Judiciary Committees and was also appointed by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries to serve as one of four Democrats on the prestigious Rules Committee. Rep. Neguse serves as Ranking Member on the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands.



## David Bernhardt

### **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

The only person to ever be confirmed by the U. S. Senate to serve as secretary of the Interior, deputy and solicitor of the Department of the Interior in its 172-year history. David Bernhardt assists client's efforts to solve matters of federal administrative law, regulatory compliance, infrastructure siting, natural resources development, energy and government investigations. While serving as the 53rd secretary of the Department of the Interior, David led a U.S. cabinet department with an asset portfolio that exceeded \$300 billion, a \$16 billion annual budget and nearly 70,000 employees through a period of transformational improvement and

change. A creative problem solver, David focused his efforts to further conservation stewardship, expanded opportunities for access to hunt and fish on public lands, drove regulatory change and worked to enhance our nation's energy independence.



## David Reid

### **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

David Reid is deeply embedded in Democratic politics and draws on his personal network on the Hill, in the Biden administration, and throughout the business community to build coalitions that drive policy success for clients. He works hand in glove with clients to lead complex public policy efforts related to infrastructure, hospitality, gaming, health care, technology, telecommunications, and arts and entertainment. David leverages his extensive political finance experience to maximize the impact of clients' political giving. He also leads Brownstein's bipartisan political operation, setting the industry standard for political engagement each cycle with Republican and Democratic congressional and national campaign committees and candidates. He serves as a Deputy National Finance Chair of the Democratic National Committee and is a member of

the Finance Committee of the Democratic Governors Association.



## Mark Begich

### **Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

Mark Begich brings a distinguished career in public service with decades of experience as an entrepreneur to provide strategic counsel that impacts business growth. Mark represented Alaska in the U.S. Senate from 2009 to 2015 after serving as mayor of Anchorage for six years. He was regarded by colleagues on Capitol Hill for his collegiality and solutions-oriented approach to governing. It is those qualities that built his vast bipartisan network, which spans from senior leaders in Congress to high-ranking officials in the Biden administration. A business owner by age 14, Mark currently employees approximately 200 people from his ventures across the United States. His passion for entrepreneurship is evident to his clients;

Mark enjoys learning about their technologies and brands so that he can best advise on how the government can advance their growth.

# Public Policy Track



## Brandon Pugh

### **Policy Director and Resident Senior Fellow, Cybersecurity and Emerging Threats, R Street Institute**

Brandon Pugh is the director of the R Street Institute's Cybersecurity and Emerging Threats team. He also serves as an international law officer in the Army Reserve and as a fellow at the Army Cyber Institute at the United States Military Academy. Previously, he served in elected and appointed office at the local, county, and state level, managed a cyberwarfare publication, was a fellow with the FBI, and was legislative counsel for a state legislature, where he handled nearly all policy and legislation on cybersecurity, emerging technology, and privacy for the office.



## Jack Howard

### **Senior Vice President for Strategic Advocacy U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Mr. Howard is Senior Vice President for Strategic Advocacy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, responsible for maximizing the Chamber's advocacy tools—including lobbying, regional operations, and voter education efforts—to grow the number of pro-business champions on Capitol Hill. With more than 25 years of government service, Howard served in the White House as deputy assistant to President George W. Bush. He worked in the Office of Legislative Affairs where he coordinated the efforts of senior-level White House officials, Cabinet departments, and agencies to secure congressional passage of President Bush's legislative priorities.



## Nathan Morris

### **Senior Vice President for Legal Reform Advocacy, Institute for Legal Reform**

Nathan Morris serves as the senior vice president, legal reform advocacy at the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform. He is responsible for legal reform advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C. and in state capitols throughout the country.

Before joining ILR, Morris served as Legal Assistant to the General Counsel of the United States Sentencing Commission and as Professional Staff to the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, where he advised legislators on antitrust, asbestos, bankruptcy, class action, data privacy, intellectual property, and other civil law and litigation issues.

Morris is a graduate of Brown University. He holds a J.D. from American University's Washington College of Law and is admitted to practice law in Washington, D.C.



## Marc Freedman

### **Vice President, Employment Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

Marc Freedman is vice president of [employment policy](#) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He is responsible for developing and advocating the Chamber's response to OSHA matters, the Employee Free Choice Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act and mandated leave issues, and other labor and workplace issues.

Before joining the Chamber in October 2004, Freedman was the regulatory counsel for the Senate Small Business Committee under the chairmanships of Sens. Kit Bond (R-MO) and Olympia Snowe (R-ME). He focused on ensuring that agencies properly take into account the impact of their regulations on small businesses under the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. He was also deeply involved in the battle over the Clinton OSHA ergonomics regulation and the effort to pass legislation creating nationally structured health plans

to help small businesses obtain better options for health insurance.

Prior to joining the Small Business Committee in July 1999, Freedman was director of government affairs for the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America. Previous to that, he worked on federal regulations for the Associated Builders and Contractors and the National Association of Home Builders.

Mr. Freedman graduated cum laude from Amherst College, and received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University. He has appeared on various media outlets including Fox News, CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and National Public Radio, and testified before Congress on behalf of the U.S. Chamber.



## Roncevert Almond

### **Senior Counsel, U.S. Senate Commerce Committee**

Ronce Almond is Senior Counsel at the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee and leads, on behalf of the Majority, the Subcommittee on Aviation, Operations, and Innovation, with jurisdiction over aviation matters, including safety, security, infrastructure, technology, engineering, manufacturing, consumer protection, research and development, airspace, and international aviation.

Ronce serves on the Board of Governors of the AeroClub of Washington, founded in 1908. He is an alum of the Woodrow Wilson Foreign Policy Fellowship Program and bipartisan Congressional oversight programs of the Lugar Center, Levin Center, and Project on Government Oversight.

Prior to joining Ronce was a partner at law firm devoted to aerospace, transportation, and national security matters. He has led and participated in technical assistance projects across the globe, advising government

authorities on achieving compliance with international law and best practices in aviation regulation and governance.

In addition to being an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University, Ronce has written extensively on aviation, international law and national security. His work has been published in prominent journals, including at Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Virginia, and Tufts' Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He frequently speaks at policy and legal forums.

# Lunch Speakers



## **Diane Ashley**

### **Managing Director, National Security Space, Deloitte**

Diane is a managing director in Deloitte's Government & Public Services practice, focused primarily on the United States Space Force. She has extensive experience in IT modernization for federal, defense, intelligence, and state/local customers. Diane received her bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering/Engineering Management from the United States Military Academy at West Point and her master's in Space Operations from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Diane is a veteran of the United States Air Force where she worked as a Civil Engineer at various stateside and deployed locations.



## **Ryan Roberts MBA, CISSP**

### **Principal, Deloitte**

MBA, CISSP, CISM, GCIH & MCITP with over 21 years of experience integrating and managing teams of integrators to engineer, implement, and secure advanced computer networks and server infrastructures. A highly motivated, self-directed individual with a superior track record of solving complex business cases with technology using a combined skill set of extensive technical knowledge and exceptional people skills. Customer service oriented providing extensive feedback and a genuine understanding of user and business challenges. Very comfortable with large healthcare and DoD networks, user issues, and security requirements. Skilled in many technologies from Cisco to Windows to Apple in large, networked environments consisting of COTS products integrated with industry specific and mission critical custom application systems.

# Defense Track



## Dr. Trent Maul

### Director for Analysis, Defense Intelligence Agency

Dr. Maul was appointed as the Director for Analysis (DI) in May 2021. In this role, he leads DIA's all-source analytic effort across the regional, functional, and S&TI portfolios, producing national Defense Intelligence in support of the National Security Strategy, policymakers, warfighters, and defense acquisition executives. As the DI, he also serves as the Functional Manager for all-source analysis for the Defense Intelligence Enterprise, which includes DIA, the Military Services, and the Combatant Command J2s. Dr. Maul is also hatted as the Analysis Career Field (ACF) Manager, responsible for overseeing the career development and management of all DIA intelligence analysts.



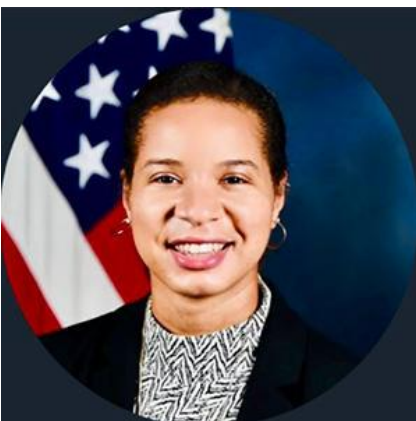
## Ajana Rajan

### Assistant National Cyber Director, The White House

Anjana Rajan is a cryptographer, technology executive, and policymaker working on matters of national security and human rights. She is currently the Assistant National Cyber Director for Technology Security at the White House. In this appointment at the Office of the National Cyber Director, she leads efforts to apply the President's National Cybersecurity Strategy to real-world issues, including open-source software, generative AI, and space.

Prior to joining the White House, Ajana was the first Chief Technology Officer of Polaris, the largest anti-human trafficking NGO in the United States. Previously, she was also the Chief Technology Officer of Callisto, a Y Combinator-backed startup that builds privacy-preserving technologies for survivors of sexual assault. She began her career in Silicon Valley and worked as a forward-deployed engineer at Palantir. Ajana was a Knight Scholar at Cornell University's Engineering School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Operations Research & Information

Engineering. She is also a former elite triathlete who raced for Team USA at two world championships.



## Lauryn Williams

### Senior Advisor for Strategy in the White House Office of National Cyber Director (ONCD)

Lauryn Williams is a Senior Advisor for strategy in the White House Office of the National Cyber Director (ONCD). She is a national security policy expert focused on emerging technologies and previously worked at the Department of Defense, where she served in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy. There she led DoD's efforts on leveraging commercial space capabilities and space industry outreach. Previously, she served in the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, where she conducted extensive outreach to international partners, and at the Carnegie Endowment for International

Peace.



## **Dan Burke**

### **Director, Air Force Investment Risk Review Office**

A native of Blue Springs, Missouri, Dan Burke began his assignment as Director, Air Force Foreign Investment Risk Review in February 2021, serving as the Air Force and Space Force lead representative to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) for cases involving national security risks to supply chains, technology, or proximity to US Air Force installations and training and testing areas, assets, and capabilities.

Prior to his current assignment, he served as the Director, Navy Investment Security Office, Chief of Staff, Energy and Environmental Readiness Division and as Special Assistant/Executive Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness and Logistics (OPNAV N4).

Additionally, he was a member of the Commander's Action Group from November 2012 to July 2014. In 2018, he was recognized for his efforts

and awarded the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service award.

## **Matthew Bott**

### **Legislative Affairs Officer, Department of State's Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy**

Matthew Bott serves as Legislative Affairs Officer for the Department of State's Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy. In this role, he manages the Bureau's congressional engagement and advocacy work across a spectrum of cyber and digital policy interests and also supports a number of the Bureau's key initiatives relating to Embassy-Bureau coordination, training and development, and strategic communication. Matt previously served at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague, Netherlands for six years where he was the Cyber and Digital Policy Officer and member of the Political and Economic Section. Here, he led interagency coordination on various cyber policy, digital economy, and technology matters, managed a portfolio of multiple political and national security topics, and also worked to secure and execute the 2019 Global Entrepreneurship Summit. Prior to The Hague, Matt was a Chief Executive Officer for a chamber of commerce in the Seattle, Washington region where he led or supported multiple local, regional, and state economic development, business advocacy, and political campaign efforts. He has a Master's in Business Administration from George Washington University, a Master's in Strategic Communications from Washington State University, and a Bachelor's in Political Science from Boise State University. He previously served on the Western Association of Chamber Executives Board of Directors and was an Economic Development Commissioner in the Seattle region. He is married and has three children.