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Program: Hatfield DC Scholars in Public Service

I worked in the Office of Congressional Affairs within National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) within the Department of Commerce this summer. Primarily, I worked on spectrum management related projects that intersected with intergovernmental affairs. When NTIA input was required or requested on a spectrum issue dealing with Congress, the Department of Defense, or the Federal Communications Commission, I assisted with writing, researching, or other tasks related to our work products.

Some of the highlights from my work included drafting a memo on federal agency spectrum management that was sent to then Secretary-nominee Penny Pritzker. I also drafted testimony for Karl Nebbia, the Associate Administrator for the Office of Spectrum Management, when he was called to testify before the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. Finally, I did extensive legislative history research into several provisions of various pieces of legislation that would have huge ramifications on the future of spectrum management for the NTIA and FCC.

Other highlights from the summer include attending Preston Padden's Energy and Commerce Committee testimony as well as several NTIA related meetings on the Hill. Being a fly on the wall for some of these meetings showed me the key strengths and weaknesses of our institutions involved in telecommunications law and how key personnel and offices can influence the outcome of policy in unexpected ways.

I also enjoyed the weekly seminars because they were a literal "who's who" of the telecom world. My colleagues were extremely impressed with the list of speakers we had. Bryan Tramont used his exceptional network to introduce us to people that were smart and made the policy we were studying in school.