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Member of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Objective

Accomplished advisor on tribal relations with proven record in agency collaboration and policy making, seeking a spot on the Trump Administration team. Dedicated to building successful tribal relations founded on trust and communication between the federal government and the tribes. Driven by a strong work ethic, provide dependable service to the Administration using strong skills in problem solving, public speaking and communication to address the unique needs of Indian Country.

Professional Experience

Tribal Affairs Advisor

Senator John Thune, South Dakota

May 2005 – Present

- Serve as liaison and main point of contact with South Dakota tribes facilitation relationships on behalf of Senator Thune.
- Representative for Senator Thune to all nine reservations in South Dakota, regularly attending and participating in official business of the tribal governing bodies, tribal elders, tribal veterans, and other tribal programs.
- Key advisor to Senator Thune providing background and offering recommendations pertaining to tribal matters and policy.
- Extensive experience in researching, advising, and drafting tribal related legislation and memorandums.
- Heavily involved in the Senator's communication strategies on tribal related matters, drafting and approving press releases, statements, and other publically released documents ensuring accuracy and attention to cultural sensitivities.
- Over ten years of successful advocacy for tribal citizens with unresolved matters and concerns with federal agencies.
- Established and maintain close working relationships with federal and state agencies impacting Native Americans and the Indian reservations.
- Spoke on behalf of Senator Thune at numerous tribal events and ceremonies offering public remarks before large crowds.
- Recommend strategic outreach to tribes, plan and prepare visits, and accompany Senator when traveling to reservations or attending tribal meeting and events.

CEO/Co-Owner

Wanji Native Nation Consultants

2004-2005

- Provided training to tribal programs and governments related to successful time and stress management, emergency preparedness and political advocacy.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Congressional Legislative Process Training, Certificate of Completion, Washington, DC

Associate Schools Inc. Travel Agent School, Certificate of Completion, North Miami Beach, FL