

ALISON L. CASSADY

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Deputy Staff Director, Democrats

February 2019-September 2020

- Managed a team of lawyers and scientists to conceptualize, draft, and deliver a 550-page [congressional policy roadmap](#) for achieving net zero emissions by 2050 and building a clean energy economy that values workers and advances environmental justice. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Select Committee's Democrats released the report on June 30, 2020.
- Actively engaged with and solicited input from hundreds of stakeholders, including labor unions, NGOs, environmental justice leaders, industry trade associations, and the private sector, to inform the Select Committee Democrats' climate policy recommendations and strategy.
- Coordinated with House and Senate Democratic leadership and committee staff to identify and overcome policy and political challenges on the most controversial climate issues.
- Played a lead role in conceptualizing and executing 18 committee hearings to build the official record for the Select Committee Democrats' policy recommendations to Congress.
- Advised Chair Kathy Castor (D-FL) and Democratic Members on critical policy questions and committee strategy.

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Managing Director, Energy and Environment Team
Director of Domestic Energy Policy

September 2017-February 2019
September 2014-February 2019

- Provided strategic planning and managerial support to the Energy and Environment team's 25 staff members working on climate change policy, public lands conservation, and ocean protection. Directly supervised six staff and contractors.
- Managed the team's \$5 million budget, including grant spending, contracts, and personnel salaries.
- Acted as chief project manager for multi-issue workstreams that cut across CAP policy teams and required the Energy and Environment team to engage and provide input.
- Represented CAP on the Climate Action Campaign's Steering and Coordinating Committees to help shape the strategies and tactics of a multi-million-dollar, multi-organization campaign.
- Wrote reports and policy briefs on domestic energy and climate issues, including carbon pricing, electric and autonomous vehicles, and other topics.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & COMMERCE

Senior Professional Staff, Democrats

January 2009-September 2014

- When in the majority, negotiated legislation to secure America's drinking water systems and chemical plants from terrorist attack. Won House passage of the legislation in November 2009.
- Planned and executed high-profile legislative and investigative committee hearings on a range of topics, including the BP oil spill and a fatal chemical plant explosion in West Virginia. Led first congressional investigation into hydraulic fracturing and its impact on water quality.
- When in the minority, defended President Obama's Climate Action Plan and air quality standards from legislative attack by analyzing draft legislation and providing Democratic members with background memos, talking points, and questions for hearing witnesses.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT & GOVERNMENT REFORM

Professional Staff, Democrats

November 2007-January 2009

- Investigated the mortgage and credit crisis of 2007-2008, culminating in several high-profile hearings on executive compensation at global financial institutions; the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers; and the role of credit rating agencies in the financial collapse.
- Planned and executed committee hearings by reviewing company and government documents, identifying and interviewing witnesses, and preparing lines of questions for the members.

ENVIRONMENT AMERICA/U.S. PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

Research Director, Washington, DC

July 2001-August 2007

- Worked with 10 advocates to conceptualize and develop newsworthy and on-message research reports that advanced the organization's policy goals. Held bottom-line responsibility for the quality and accuracy of ~20 research reports each year.
- Authored or co-authored more than 25 research reports on global warming, toxic pollution, air quality, product safety, financial privacy, campaign finance reform, and other issues.

Associate Director of Development, Los Angeles, CA

February 1998-July 2001

- Served as a grant-making clearinghouse for more than 20 state organizations working to raise money from private foundations.
- Wrote grant proposals for a range of environmental and consumer protection projects.

INVESTOR RESPONSIBILITY RESEARCH CENTER

Research Assistant, Washington, DC

October 1996-August 1997

- Provided research support for IRRC's Environmental Information Service on corporate environmental responsibility issues.
- Compiled data for IRRC's Corporate Environmental Profiles Directory, a summary of corporate environmental activity at S&P 500 companies sold to institutional and private investors.

EDUCATION

Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs

Master of Public Affairs

Focus: Public Policy Analysis

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service

B.S. in Foreign Service, *magna cum laude*

Major: International Politics