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## OVERVIEW

The 118<sup>th</sup> Congress began in January 2023. In the wake of the retirement of several key Congressional allies, [Commonwealth Strategic Partners](#) (CSP) worked to find new champions for our clients' issues. Additionally, the new Congress brought with it 82 new members, so CSP worked to introduce our clients to those new members and reaffirm our relationships with members returning from the previous Congress.



## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

### Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association

In February and March, CSP hosted client [Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association](#) (AMFA) in D.C. for 16 meetings with staff for members who serve on the House Aviation Subcommittee. The purpose of the meetings was to educate members on AMFA's labor and safety priorities for the upcoming Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill that is expected to be introduced this year.

Additionally, CSP worked with AMFA to endorse the [Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act](#) introduced by Reps. Marc Molinaro (R-NY) and Julia Brownley (D-CA) and the [Aviation Workforce Development Act](#) introduced by Rep. Mike Collins (R-GA).

### Granite Construction

In March, CSP hosted client [Granite Construction](#) in D.C. for meetings with 17 Congressional offices including meeting personally with Reps. Ken Calvert (R-CA), John Garamendi (D-CA), Dan Newhouse (R-WA), Lance Gooden (R-TX), Maria Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA), Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), John Carter (R-TX), and James Moylan (R-GU). Granite advocated for efficiencies in the military contracting process, transportation funding, and for Department of Energy funding for upgrades to their asphalt plants to reduce their carbon footprint.



Curt Haldeman, Vice President, Granite Construction (right), meets with Representative James Moylan (R-GU). Granite has a presence in Guam and has many Department of Defense contracts for work there.



Some IIUSA board members outside freshman Rep. Laurel Lee's office. From left to right: Rogelio Carrasquillo, Adam Greene, Noreen Hogan, and Rush Deacon.

### Invest in the USA

In February, CSP hosted client [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA) in D.C. for the first of many lobby days planned for 2023. CSP and IIUSA board members met with staff from 16 Congressional offices. The goals of the meetings were to introduce new members of Congress to IIUSA and the EB-5 Regional Center Program and to reconnect with offices familiar with the issue to discuss legislative strategies to preserve and improve the program.



## Lendmark Financial Services

In March, CSP hosted client [Lendmark Financial Services](#) in D.C. for meetings with Congressional staff. CSP and Lendmark met in-person with staff from ten Congressional offices and met personally with Rep. Andy Barr (R-KY), Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions. During the meetings, CSP and Lendmark discussed Lendmark's services and the economic growth it helps generate in local communities.



## LivaNova

In March, CSP and client [LivaNova](#) met with Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Deputy Secretary Andrew Barnes. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Pennsylvania Medicaid reimbursement rate for vague nerve stimulation (VNS) therapy for those living with severe epilepsy.



Senate Homeland Security Committee Chair Gary Peters (green tie) discussing his cybersecurity priorities with NTSC board members.

## National Technology Security Coalition

In January, and again in February, CSP hosted client [National Technology Security Coalition](#) (NTSC) in D.C. for 12 meetings with Congressional staff. CSP and NTSC met to discuss NTSC's policy priorities for 2023 and to identify new Congressional champions in the wake of the retirements of NTSC allies Reps. Jim Langevin and John Katko.

In March, CSP hosted NTSC in D.C. for its [Mid-Atlantic Regional CISO Policy Roundtable](#) and 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National CISO Policy Conference. During the Policy Conference, NTSC hosted Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) and Reps. Eric Swalwell (D-CA) and Glenn Ivey (D-MD), as well as staff from the offices of Sen. Angus King (I-ME) and Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Republican staff from the House Cybersecurity Subcommittee. NTSC board members and the Congressional attendees discussed cybersecurity policy priorities as well as the cybersecurity challenges that NTSC's members face in the private sector.



## FUNDRAISING

- In January, CSP secured the attendance of AMFA's Rob Cush at a fundraiser for Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL).
- In February, Keith Pemrick hosted a meet-and-greet for freshman Rep. Chris Deluzio (D-PA).
- In March, Keith Pemrick hosted fundraisers for Reps. Susan Wild (D-PA) and Dwight Evans (D-PA). Keith Pemrick also attended fundraisers for Reps. Madeleine Dean (D-PA) and Chris Deluzio (D-PA). Additionally, George McElwee and Katie Hazlett attended a fundraiser for the Republican Governance Group. ●



## NEW CLIENTS

In March, CSP began representing the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) in Washington, D.C. CSP represents AAS on matters related to federal funding for suicide research and prevention.

Also in March, CSP began representing the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) in Harrisburg, PA. CSP represents BPC on matters related to election integrity.

In April, CSP will begin representing Salute Home Loans in Washington, D.C. CSP will represent Salute in championing the reintroduction of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act. ●



## UPCOMING EVENTS

In April, CSP will host IIUSA in D.C. for its second 2023 lobby day. Additionally, in May, CSP's George McElwee and Katie Hazlett will attend IIUSA's [2023 IIUSA EB-5 Industry Forum](#) in San Diego.

Also in April, Keith Pemrick will attend a conference in Miami, FL, entitled, "The Current State of Transatlantic Relations," hosted by the [Friedrich Naumann Foundation North America](#).

In April, CSP will host client [POWER Engineers](#) in D.C. for meetings with Congressional staff.

In May, NTSC will hold its [2023 Northeast Regional CISO Policy Roundtable](#) in New York City. The roundtable will convene NTSC board members to discuss federal cybersecurity policy.

In May, CSP client [Second Front](#) will hold its 2023 [Offset Symposium](#) in Washington, D.C. The event will promote constructive engagement between the venture-backed innovation ecosystem, traditional defense base, academia, and national security mission users to accelerate the development and scaling of new technologies for national security. ●