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## OVERVIEW

Appropriations season began in Q2 2022, ensuring a busy quarter for [Commonwealth Strategic Partners](#) (CSP). We were energized, however, by the announcement in May that CSP was named among Bloomberg Government's [Top Performing Lobbying Firms of 2021](#). You can read our press release on the announcement [here](#). ●

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

### The City of Aberdeen Station Square Project

CSP worked with client the [City of Aberdeen, MD](#) during the appropriations process. Senators Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Ben Cardin (D-MD), and Representative Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-02) all selected Aberdeen's Station Square improvements project as one of their Appropriations requests for community project funding. In June, Rep.

Ruppersberger was successful in securing Aberdeen's project in the House Transportation Appropriations bill as a \$4 million Federal Transit Administration (FTA) project. The bill successfully passed in committee and the full House.

In April, Aberdeen applied for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The application had the support of both Maryland Senators and seven MD Members of the House of Representatives. The delegation expressed their support in a letter to Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg.

### EB-5 Regional Center Program

In June, on behalf of client [Invest in the USA](#) (IIUSA), CSP worked with Representatives Dwight Evans (D-PA-03), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), and Tom O'Halloran (D-AZ-01) to send a letter to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) urging it to reconsider its stance that all previously designated EB-5 Regional Centers must re-designate under the Reform and Integrity Act of 2022 (RIA).

In May, Senators Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Lindsay Graham (R-SC), and John Cornyn (R-TX) and Representative Jerry Nadler (D-NY), sent



**Federal Transit  
Administration**

a similar letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas urging the Secretary to not require Regional Centers to redesignate.

### CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee

In April, on behalf of client the [National Technology Security Coalition](#) (NTSC), CSP worked with Representative John Katko (R-NY-24) to send [a letter](#) to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) director Jen Easterly regarding the membership of the [CISA Cybersecurity Advisory Committee](#) (CSAC). The letter encourages Director Easterly to consider including more chief information security officers in the remaining open committee seats. CSAC was championed in 2019 by Rep. Katko and the NTSC. Its mission is to convene a group of experts from industry and academia who can advise CISA on cybersecurity issues. It had its first meeting in December 2021.

### Landline

In June, CSP client [Landline](#) announced their partnership with American Airlines, bringing new travels options to Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Landline now offers service at Lehigh Valley International Airport and Atlantic City International Airport with seamless connections through Philadelphia International Airport to American Airlines' global network. Throughout the quarter, CSP and Landline met with the Congressional delegations representing these airports and Congressional committees with jurisdiction over legislative issues of importance to Landline. ●



## FUNDRAISING

- In April, Keith Pemrick hosted a fundraiser for Rep. Madeleine Dean (D-PA-04) at the townhouse of client the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). Additionally, George McElwee attended a fundraiser for Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC).
- In May, Keith Pemrick hosted a fundraiser for Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-01) at the ACEC Townhouse.
- In June, Keith Pemrick, along with client the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA), attended a check drop at the ACEC Townhouse for Rep. Rick Larsen (D-WA-02) as he bids to be the next Democrat leading the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee; other Members in attendance included Reps. Collin Allred (TX-32), Chris Pappas (NH-01), Troy Carter (LA-02), Grace Napolitano (CA-32), Julia Brownley (CA-26), Salud Carbajal (CA-24), among others. Additionally, Keith attended a fundraiser for Rep. Dwight Evans (D-PA-03), with special guest Rep. Joe Neguse (D-CO-02). George McElwee attended fundraisers for Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL-13) and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01). Finally, Katie Hazlett attended a weekend fundraiser trip to MA for Rep. Seth Moulton (D-MA-06). ●

## EVENTS

### The HELPER Act

On May 17, Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Jon Ossoff (D-GA) and Representatives John Rutherford (R-FL), Al Lawson (D-FL), and John Katko (R-NY) held a press conference on their bill, the [Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder \(HELPER\) Act](#), which CSP has championed since its inception. The lawmakers were joined by representatives from supporting organizations including the DC FOP Capitol Police Labor Committee, the Peace Officers Research Association of California, and the District of Columbia Firefighters Association. Sen. Rubio's press release and footage of his remarks can be found [here](#).

From left to right: the HELPER Act original sponsors Rep. Al Lawson, Rep. John Katko, Sen. Marco Rubio, Sen. Jon Ossoff, and Rep. John Rutherford.



IIUSA President Robert Kraft (left), Vice President William Gresser (middle) join CSP's Katie Hazlett (right) on an in-depth panel discussion to kick off the Industry Forum.

### Invest in the USA

In April, CSP client IIUSA hosted its [2022 EB-5 Industry Forum](#) in Orlando, Florida. The event, which came just weeks after the EB-5 Program's reauthorization, was attended by over 30 sponsor organizations, 250 attendees, and participants from countries around the world.

Event attendees heard from leaders throughout the industry on a host of the industry's most important topics as well as a keynote speaker from the Hall of Fame Resort, who detailed the success of EB-5 in their redevelopment efforts. CSP's Katie Hazlett served on a panel discussion providing a legislative update regarding the EB-5 reauthorization.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

In July, CSP and client [NTSC](#) will host the [2022 Annual National CISO Policy Conference](#) in Washington, DC. The three-day conference will include appearances by members of Congress and their staff, who will explore the status of relevant cybersecurity legislation and answer questions from NTSC members.

In September, NTSC will host its 2022 Central Regional CISO Policy Roundtable in Chicago.



## NEW CLIENTS

In August, CSP will begin representing [People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals](#) (PETA) in Washington, D.C. CSP will represent PETA on legislative matters related to animal testing.



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