



Government Affairs Policy Counsel

Position Summary: The Government Affairs Policy Counsel will play a key role in implementing Public Knowledge's government affairs strategy, through advocacy, strategy development, and relationship building in Congress, at Federal agencies, within the Executive Branch and across the public interest field.

Position Status: Full-time

Location: Washington, D.C.

Reports to: Vice President, Government Affairs

Essential Duties:

- Assist in developing and implementing Public Knowledge's legislative and outreach strategy
- Obtaining up to date information on legislative matters before Congress
- Represent Public Knowledge at relevant conferences, events, coalition meetings, and before policy-making bodies such as Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Copyright Office.
- Research and draft congressional testimony for legislative hearings on telecommunications /technology policy, intellectual property, and other issues.
- Serve as a resource to allies and other non-D.C. based groups in building advocacy strategy and relationships with policymakers
- Maintain contact with a diverse array of constituencies aligned with the goals of Public Knowledge
- Coordinate development of Public Knowledge advocacy materials
- Serve as a spokesperson and resource to the media within areas of expertise

Qualifications:

- **A college graduate with a passion for public policy, knowledge and interest in technology, and a demonstrated interest in the political process and advocacy in the public interest**
- Graduate degree preferred
- Three or more years of experience with Capitol Hill, Federal agencies, or other relevant policy-related experience
- Familiarity with legislative matters regarding technology policy preferred
- Experience conducting outreach and developing partnerships with a wide range of organizations and constituencies
- **Strong communications skills**
- **A creative self-starter who can devise new, innovative outreach methods**
- **A willingness and ability to learn complex technological and legal issues quickly**
- **The ability to produce high-quality results on tight deadlines and with little oversight**

Compensation: Public Knowledge provides competitive compensation, excellent benefits and opportunities for professional growth.

To Apply: Send a resume including salary history; cover letter stating your interest in Public Knowledge, and at least one writing sample (max. 5 pages each) to: jobs@publicknowledge.org, with the subject line "Government Affairs Policy Counsel." The deadline for applications is November 3, 2017.

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