

### Executive Summary

Working for United States Senator Coats and his staff members was a wonderful opportunity I am proud to add to my resume. Senator Coats has represented Indiana for many years. He recently returned to Congress because of his passion to protect citizens from overwhelming governmental power. The Senator and his staff guided and pushed me in becoming a more confident and respectable lady.

Staff members were always willing to answer all my questions and allow me to obtain the most out of my Capitol Hill and D.C. experience. The main tasks they taught me involved sorting mail, answering constituents' phone calls, tours, writing letters and memos, and running important errands. Besides the basic responsibilities, I was encouraged to roam the Capitol and explore hearings and discussions I am engrossed in learning more about for a future career interest. For example, I attended an Appropriations mark-up where I was in charge of passing out the amendments to all the Senator committee members. I received many other opportunities to sit in on hearings concerning the Defense Secretary of State, Leon Panetta, and the leaks that surfaced this summer. The most memorable day for me was the day the Affordable Care Act ruling came out along with the House vote to contempt Eric Holder. I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to spend the night on the Supreme Court steps hoping to receive the chance to listen to Chief Justice Roberts' opinion over the case. I sat five benches back from the Justices that day.

Along with all the exciting happenings on Capitol Hill, I also took it upon myself to explore Washington, D.C. on my own time. I signed up for tours including the State Department, the Pentagon and the Department of Interior. All these places opened up my eyes to what I am truly interested in studying, foreign affairs.

My experiences this summer was everything I hoped for and more. I am more knowledgeable and aware of American politics as well as international affairs. I gained a new prospective of what our government is doing and what Congress needs to do. This opportunity motivated me to involve myself in events that matter. I am now inspired to leave my bubble and make a difference.