



TRC QUARTERLY REPORT

FIRST QUARTER 2025



OVERVIEW

In January, The Reserve Component (TRC) officially launched to provide strategic, results-driven federal lobbying services tailored to companies, trade associations, nonprofits, and local governments. TRC's Founder and President, George McElwee, previously led a successful lobbying firm that Bloomberg Government recognized as a Top-Performing Lobbying Firm for five consecutive years. George was recognized as one of The Hill's Top Lobbyists from 2021 to 2024 and honored by the National Institute for Lobbying and Ethics as a Top Lobbyist in 2024. George brings over 25 years of experience in the public and private sectors, including 15 years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

George has assembled a team of highly qualified professionals to lead this new venture, including Katie Hazlett, TRC's Senior Vice President, and Mackenzie Campbell, TRC's Legislative Assistant and Operations Manager. Both previously worked alongside George at his former firm.

TRC's mission and approach are inspired by the U.S. military's reserve forces. Just as reservists bring specialized skills and experience to support active-duty operations, TRC offers clients tailored expertise to help them achieve their government relations objectives.

Representing a diverse range of clients, TRC has developed a broad reach in engaging members of Congress nationwide, along with a deep understanding of key issues on Capitol Hill and within the Administration. Our clients include the City of Aberdeen, MD; City of Dillingham, AK; City of Kenner, LA; Cyware; Granite Construction; Invest in the USA (IIUSA); Lendmark Financial Services; National Technology Security Coalition (NTSC), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA); POWER Engineers; Salute Home Loans; and WSP USA.

We look forward to continued growth and success as we work alongside our clients to drive meaningful impact in Washington, D.C. ●

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The City of Aberdeen, Maryland

In March, TRC hosted the City of Aberdeen in Washington, D.C., and arranged meetings with its congressional delegation. City officials met with freshman Senator Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD) and Senator Chris Van Hollen (D-MD). Additionally, they connected with staff from the office of Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-01). In each meeting, Aberdeen advocated for its Swan Meadows Water Infrastructure project.



(left) Aberdeen's Mayor Patrick McGrady and Sen. Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD). (right) Aberdeen's Director of Planning and Community Development Phillis Grover and Mayor McGrady with Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD).

Granite Construction

In January, February, and March, TRC hosted Granite Construction's Vice President Gary Johnson in Washington, D.C., for a series of congressional meetings with members of the Appropriations and Armed Services Committees.

In February, Gary testified before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works at a [hearing](#) titled "Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Implementation and Case Studies." Gary's [testimony](#) focused on the impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) during its first three years. It offered a set

of priorities and recommendations for next year's surface transportation reauthorization.



Gary Johnson (left) greets Chairwoman... prior to the start of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works hearing.

Cyware

In February and March, TRC hosted Cyware in Washington, D.C., to conduct congressional meetings with members of the House Committee on Homeland Security and Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Cyware demonstrated its latest threat intelligence sharing platform to the committees.



Invest in the USA

TRC hosted several Invest in the USA (IIUSA) Leadership Circle members in Washington, D.C., for their first quarterly fly-in in February. IIUSA members participated in over twenty congressional meetings with House and Senate Judiciary Committee members.

IIUSA members received a tour of the Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing room.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

In January, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) [presented](#) U.S. Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) with a Congressional Leadership Award for his leadership and advocacy in ending animal experimentation.

In February, U.S. Representatives Troy Nehls (R-TX-22) and Dina Titus (D-NV-01) reintroduced [H.R. 1085](#), the Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas (CARGO) Act, in the House of Representatives. The CARGO Act would prohibit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from allocating taxpayer-funded grants to foreign laboratories for animal experiments. Since its introduction, the CARGO Act has received support from over 50 national and state animal rights organizations.

National Technology Security Coalition

In February, TRC hosted the National Technology and Security Coalition (NTSC) Executive Director Patrick Gaul in Washington, D.C., for several congressional meetings with freshman members of the House Committee on Homeland Security.

In March, TRC organized and hosted NTSC's annual lobby day, where dozens of NTSC members had the opportunity to converse directly with Members of Congress and their staff to discuss cybersecurity priorities for the 119th Congress. The NTSC met with the Homeland Security Committee members and members of the new Republican Data Privacy Working Group established by Chairman Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02) and Vice Chair John Joyce (R-PA-13) of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.



NTSC Board Members with Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA-23) (middle), former Chairman of the House AI Task Force & member of the Republican Data Privacy Working Group.



PETA Vice President Dr. Alka Chandna (left) presents U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (right) with the Congressional Leadership Award.

Salute Home Loans

In February, TRC hosted several supporters of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act to discuss the bill's reintroduction. These supporters included the United States Capitol Police Labor Committee, the National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), the International Association of EMTs and Paramedics (IAEP), the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

The Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator, and Responder (HELPER) Act was reintroduced in the House and Senate in March. The HELPER Act would create a first-time homebuyer home loan program under the Federal Housing

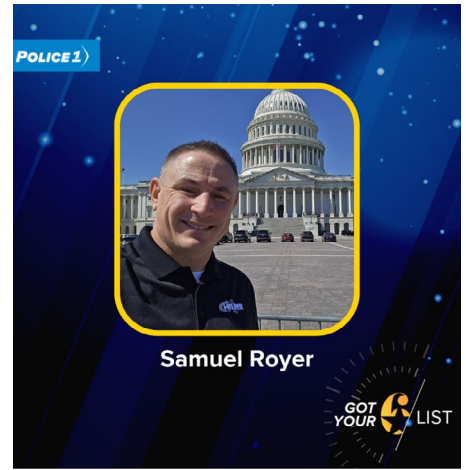


TRC hosts supporters of the HELPER Act and congressional staff in their office to discuss the legislation's reintroduction in the 119th Congress.

Administration (FHA) for law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT), paramedics, and pre-K-12 teachers. The HELPER Act would eliminate down payment and monthly mortgage insurance premium requirements under the program.

The HELPER Act, [H.R.2094](#), was reintroduced by Representatives John Rutherford (R-FL-05), Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ-12), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY-02), and Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ-05). In the Senate, the HELPER Act, [S.978](#), was reintroduced by Senators Ashley Moody (R-FL), Jon Ossoff (D-GA), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), and Bill Cassidy (R-LA).

In March, Sam Royer of Salute Home Loans, visionary behind the HELPER Act, was [named](#) to Police 1's "Got Your Six" list. The "Got Your Six" list celebrates advocates who have gone above and beyond to support law enforcement through legislation, philanthropy, or community initiatives. ●



FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

- In January, Katie attended a fundraiser for Rep. Tom Kean (R-NJ-07).
- In February, George and Katie hosted two meet-and-greets for freshman Reps. Rob Bresnahan (R-PA-08) and Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA-07).



George (left) with Rep. Robert Bresnahan (R-PA-08) (right).

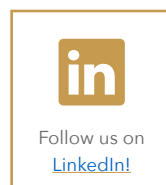
- In March, George attended a fundraiser for Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01) and Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA-07). Additionally, Katie participated in a fundraiser for Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA-41), the Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. The event featured special



George (left) and Katie (right) with Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA-07) (middle).

guest Speaker Mike Johnson. Katie also attended events for Rep. Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-6) and Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22). On behalf of Granite Construction's PAC, Katie attended fundraisers for Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), the Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, and Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

- Throughout the quarter, TRC hosted several clients in DC for congressional meetings, including the City of Aberdeen, Maryland; Cyware; Granite Construction; Invest in the USA (IIUSA); the National Technology and Security Coalition (NTSC); People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA); POWER Engineers; and Salute Home Loans. ●



NEW CLIENTS

In January, The Reserve Component began representing the City of Dillingham, Alaska and the City of Kenner, Louisiana. TRC will advise the cities on securing federal funds for several critical infrastructure projects. ●

