

Kevin McNellis

SUMMARY

Policy analyst with 15+ years in federal budget, tax policy, and economic analysis. Significant track record of combining technical expertise with strategic policy development at Co-Equal, Congressional Budget Office, and Congressional Research Service. Strong focus on legislative and budget processes for effective policy implementation.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley - Goldman School of Public Policy

Berkeley, CA

Master of Public Policy

Awarded 2014

Coursework In: Public Budgeting, Economics, Quantitative Methods, Legal Analysis, Public Finance, Administrative Law

Whitman College

Walla Walla, WA

Bachelor of Arts, Politics

Awarded 2007

Cum Laude with Honors in Course, Dean's List

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Equal

Washington, DC

Analyst & Researcher

March 2022-present

DUTIES

- Deliver quantitative and qualitative policy analysis to House and Senate offices focusing on tax policy, healthcare financing, congressional budget and appropriations procedures, and other policies as needed.
- Model economic impacts of major legislation to inform congressional decision-making and debates.
- Develop original research on historical legislative debates, policy implementation, and outcomes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created district-level estimates of the effects of multiple policies from the American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act used by multiple congressional offices during the 118th and 119th Congresses.
- Provided technical expertise to congressional offices on the congressional budget and appropriations processes.
- Authored legislative retrospective analyses of landmark legislation including the [1981, 2001, 2003, and 2017 tax cuts](#) (highlighted by the [New York Times](#)); the [Affordable Care Act](#) ([highlighted](#) by President Barack Obama); [Dodd-Frank](#), and [Social Security](#).
- Authored definitive [analysis](#) of congressional criminal referrals (1921-2021) and congressional [oversight of the judiciary](#) through appropriations.

McNellis Consulting

Minneapolis, MN

Owner

March 2022-present

DUTIES:

- Delivered policy and economic analysis services for mission-driven policy advocacy nonprofits.
- Developed economic models and research that informed legislative and advocacy strategies.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Influenced federal and state legislative proposals through data-driven policy analysis and procedural guidance.

Congressional Research Service

Washington, DC

Analyst on Congress and the Legislative Process, Government & Finance Division

August 2020-March 2022

DUTIES:

- Provided Members of Congress and their staff with analysis and technical assistance related to the House and Senate's budget and appropriations procedures.
- Published research on congressional consideration of budget resolutions, reconciliation legislation, and appropriations measures.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Provided confidential procedural guidance to 100+ congressional clients on budget, reconciliation, and appropriations processes.
- Developed innovative methodology for analyzing evolving procedural practices in House and Senate.

Congressional Budget Office

Washington, DC

Principal Analyst, Low-Income Health Programs Cost Estimates Unit

January 2015-August 2020

DUTIES:

- Produced nonpartisan analysis of budgetary effects for proposed healthcare legislation, including the Affordable Care Act's advance premium tax credits and tax incentives for employer-sponsored insurance.
- Worked collaboratively with analysts across the Congressional Budget Office and the staff of the Joint Committee on Taxation to produce baseline projections, analytic reports, and cost estimates of legislation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Received Director's Award for Excellence (2018) for contributions to CBO's Health Insurance Simulation Model (HISIM2).
- Built technical expertise in healthcare tax policy while maintaining effective working relationships with congressional staff, executive branch agencies, academic researchers, and other external stakeholders.
- Built and maintained projections and cost estimate models for legislative proposals or otherwise modified legislation including Medicare, ERISA, HIPAA and the ACA.

Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President

Washington, DC

Intern, Health Programs Resource Management Office

June 2014-August 2014

DUTIES:

- Reviewed Medicare regulations, modeled budgetary effects of policy proposals, and prepared senior staff briefings.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Modeled proposed modifications to Medicare's Shared Savings Program and presented findings to senior OMB and White House staff that influenced the development of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Final Rule 1461.

United States Senate Committee on Finance

Washington, DC

Intern, Health Care Policy

June 2013-December 2013

DUTIES:

- Briefed Chairman Baucus and participated in all aspects of the committee staff's work: analyzed legislation and federal regulations; wrote memos, policy briefs, and draft legislation; helped to organize hearings and markups.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Assisted the development and passage of the Sustainable Growth Rate Repeal and Medicare Beneficiary Access Improvement Act of 2013.
- Developed provisions that were included in the Pathway to SGR Reform Act (P.L. 113-67) and Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 (P.L. 114-10).

National Institute on Money in State Politics

Helena, Montana

DUTIES:

- Published nonpartisan research analyzing the nexus between campaign spending and state-level policies, including: natural gas drilling, prison privatization, the subprime mortgage industry, and the first comprehensive analysis of the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision effects on state-level campaign finance disclosure laws and spending.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Published research in national publications, including: *The Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone*, *Time Magazine*, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Bloomberg*, *Center for Public Integrity*, *MSNBC*, *Huffington Post*.
- *Citizens United* research was cited in a Supreme Court amicus brief (*American Tradition Partnership v. Bullock*).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Multiple district-level analyses related to the American Rescue Plan, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Inflation Reduction Act available at: <https://rlc.house.gov/resources/congressional-districts>.
- "Tax Cuts: Comparing Rhetoric with Reality," June 2024, <https://www.co-equal.org/legislative-retrospectives/tax-cuts-comparing-rhetoric-with-reality>.
- Health Affairs Forefront, "Short-Term Thinking, Long-Term Costs: Better Budgeting for Better Health Care Policy," June 2024, <https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/short-term-thinking-long-term-costs-better-budgeting-better-health-care-policy>.
- "Social Security: Comparing Congressional Rhetoric with Reality," October 2024, <https://www.co-equal.org/legislative-retrospectives/social-security-comparing-congressional-rhetoric-with-reality>.
- "The Affordable Care Act: Comparing Congressional Rhetoric with Reality," March 2024, <https://www.co-equal.org/legislative-retrospectives>.
- "Congressional Criminal Referral Precedents," December 2022, <https://www.co-equal.org/guide-to-congressional-oversight/congressional-criminal-referrals-precedents>
- "Changes in the House of Representatives' Initial Consideration of Regular Appropriations Measures, 113th-116th Congresses," July 2021, <https://sgp.fas.org/crs/misc/R46841.pdf>.
- "Appropriations Report Language: Overview of Components and Development," September 2021, https://www.everycrsreport.com/files/2021-08-16_R44124_4fecf5a79ddb13fd91b8fc9da63fb888e11800da.pdf.
- "Federal Subsidies for Health Insurance Coverage for People Under Age 65: 2019 to 2029," May 2019, <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/55085>.
- "How the Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation Analyzed the Coverage Effects of New Rules for Association Health Plans and Short-Term Plans," January 2019, <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/54915>.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient in the following software programs: SAS, R, and Microsoft Office.