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## CHRIS GRIFFIN

### Professional Experience

#### **The Ferguson Group LLC, Washington DC (November 2022 – Present)**

*Senior Associate*

Overview.— Chris joined The Ferguson Group in November of 2022, after having spent nearly four years on staff in the U.S. Senate, working in various capacities for Senator Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Calling Anchorage, Alaska home, Chris is passionate about assisting and advocating for rural and underserved communities. Chris has also lived in Jakarta, Indonesia; Perth, Australia; and Medford, Massachusetts.

Chris first came to Washington in 2018, directly out of college, where he joined the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (ENR). Chris soon took on roles assisting senior staff with developing the and executing the policy priorities of Chairman Murkowski, as well as other Republican members of the Committee. Chris worked closely on hot-button issues within ENR’s jurisdiction, including wildfire policy, oil and gas production, public land management, and Western water policy.

Chris assisted with provisions of the Committee’s hallmark legislation in recent years, most notably the Great American Outdoors Act and the Energy Act of 2020. Both pieces of legislation were comprehensive updates to the United States federal land and energy policy, respectively, and ultimately were signed into law.

In 2021, Chris joined Senator Murkowski’s personal staff when leadership of ENR turned over. There, he continued to assist in the energy and natural resources space, with a more direct focus on Alaska-specific issues. He worked on issues including remediation of federal oil and gas wells, Alaska Native land policy, nuclear small modular and micro-reactors. Chris drafted legislative memoranda, prepared the Senator for stakeholder and constituent meetings, staffed the Senator at hearings, and prepared remarks and speeches for her.

Chris participated in the drafting of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework from its infancy, which went on to become the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, one of the largest federal infrastructure investments in history. Chris worked closely with Alaskan stakeholders – in particular Alaska’s myriad public electric utilities – in advancing Alaskan interests in the legislation. Chris helped Alaska secure billions of dollars in federal infrastructure funding.

Chris received his B.A in Political Science, with a concentration in American Government from Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, where he was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

#### **U.S. Senate (2021 – 2022)**

Legislative Aide to Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Chris served on Senator Murkowski’s personal staff, drafting memos, speeches, and research to support the Senator’s legislative initiatives in the energy and natural resources portfolio. Chris was also responsible for responding to incoming constituent correspondence. Most recently, Chris’ portfolio included topics pertaining to the Department of Energy, nuclear energy, renewables and alternative energy, and the electric grid. Chris participated in negotiating and drafting the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

#### **U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (2019 – 2020)**

Legislative Aide, Majority Staff, Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Chris supported professional staff of the Committee working on natural resources issues, including oil, gas, mining, public lands, and forestry. His duties included research and writing pertaining to the Chairman’s legislative and policy priorities and participating in stakeholder meetings. During this period, Chris participated in the development of major legislation including the Great American Outdoors Act and the Energy Act of 2020, both of which were signed into law.

**U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (2019 – 2020)**

Staff Assistant, Majority Staff, Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)

Chris was primarily responsible for administrative tasks supporting the professional staff within the natural resources portfolio. This included meeting scheduling, nominee tracking and paperwork, legislative tracking, and organizing materials to be submitted daily to the Chairman. Chris also coordinated numerous college-level interns to ensure they had a positive experience and balanced workload with the Committee.

**U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (2018 – 2019)**

Non-Designated Staff Assistant

Serving with the non-partisan administrative staff of the Committee, Chris was responsible for reception duties and handling incoming communications and traffic to the office. Chris was also responsible for maintaining legislative and other administrative records of the Committee.

**U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (SFRC), Washington, DC (2017)**

Intern for Ranking Member Benjamin Cardin (D-MD)

Chris assisted professional staff and counsel with domestic issues under SFRC jurisdiction, including investigations and State Department oversight.

**EDUCATION**

**Tufts University (2018)**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

