DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Job Title: Director of Government Affairs
Location: Washington, D.C.
Salary Range: Commensurate With Experience

CITIZENS FOR SAFE AI

Citizens for Safe AI (CSAI) is building support for serious action to address the risks created by advanced artificial intelligence. Our work spans grantmaking, political and stakeholder engagement, events, policy, communications, and the incubation of new projects designed to strengthen the AI safety ecosystem.

POSITION OVERVIEW

CSAI's Director of Government Affairs will lead the organization's engagement with Congress, the Administration, and other key federal and state government stakeholders to advance policies to address the risks of advanced artificial intelligence.

This person will build relationships, identify political opportunities, help shape legislative and regulatory strategies, and translate complex AI policy questions into actionable political priorities.

The role requires someone who understands how Washington works — including the formal policymaking process and the relationships, coalitions, and political dynamics that determine what actually gets done.

This is a senior, externally facing role with significant responsibility for building CSAI's advocacy operations in Washington.

Please note that this position has a rough start date of January 1st, 2027.

SCOPE OF WORK

You will build and lead CSAI's government affairs program, including:

- Developing and executing strategies to advance CSAI's policy priorities with Congress, the Administration, and federal agencies.
- Building and maintaining relationships with elected officials, senior staff, policymakers, and other influential stakeholders.
- Identifying legislative, regulatory, and political opportunities to advance meaningful AI governance and safety measures.
- Working with CSAI's policy team to translate complex technical and policy issues into compelling, actionable recommendations for policymakers.
- Tracking developments in Congress and the Administration, anticipating emerging issues, and advising leadership on political opportunities and risks.
- Building coalitions and partnerships with advocacy organizations, labor, industry, and other stakeholders to strengthen support for responsible AI policy.

- Representing CSAI in meetings, briefings, events, and other engagements with government officials and external partners.
- Supporting organizational leadership in developing political strategy, managing sensitive relationships, and navigating high-stakes policy debates.

QUALIFICATIONS

You are an experienced political or government affairs professional with strong judgment, deep relationships, and an ability to move policy through complicated political environments, bringing:

- Excellent writing, communication, people skills, and political judgment.
- Significant experience on Capitol Hill, in the Executive Branch, political campaigns, government affairs, public policy, or advocacy.
- A strong understanding of congressional and federal policymaking processes, including how legislation, oversight, and regulatory decisions are shaped.
- Established relationships with policymakers, senior congressional staff, political organizations, or other influential stakeholders.
- Experience developing and executing legislative, regulatory, or advocacy strategies.
- The ability to operate independently, exercise discretion, and navigate sensitive political and institutional relationships.
- Familiarity with AI, from a technical or governance standpoint, and a willingness to deepen that familiarity quickly.
- The ability to communicate complex policy questions clearly and persuasively to political audiences.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

- Salary: Commensurate with Experience
- Competitive benefits package
- Travel required periodically

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit an application via this form. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Citizens for Safe AI, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer. Employment decisions are based solely on merit, qualifications, and competence without regard to any status or characteristic protected by law. This position is subject to legal requirements for election-related activities in the U.S. As a result, applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.