



## **POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: Senior Government Relations Advocate (Lobbyist)**

Expected Start: August 2019

First set of interviews will be taken from applications received by July 11, 2019.

**NETWORK** – advocates for justice, inspired by Catholic Sisters (and the organization behind *Nuns on the Bus*) – is seeking an experienced legislative strategist, committed to the principles of Catholic Social Justice who can create legislative strategy and effectively advocate for NETWORK’s issue agenda, appropriation priorities, and policy positions on Capitol Hill and in the Administration. The Senior Government Relations Advocate is an excellent communicator, an analytical strategist, an organized collaborator, and a persuasive leader. They amplify the voices of marginalized communities in policy conversations and represent NETWORK in a way that forwards NETWORK’s mission, projects our views effectively, and establishes us as the leading voice at the intersection of Catholic Social Justice and public policy. The Lobbyist works as part of a Government Relations Team, and collaborates with the Grassroots Mobilization and Communications teams to activate and educate NETWORK’s more than 90,000 members and supporters.

**About NETWORK:** A national network of social justice advocates, NETWORK educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation. Founded in 1971 by Catholic sisters in the progressive spirit of Vatican II, NETWORK works to shape federal policies to be consistent with our values. We work to “Mend the Gaps” in income and wealth disparity and work to create a society and economy of inclusion.

While rooted in Catholic Social Justice, NETWORK is open to all who share our passion for justice. Staff and members are people from a variety of religious and nonreligious backgrounds. As an organization and workplace, NETWORK values work-life balance and strives to be a supportive workplace environment where staff embrace the “Sister-Spirit” of our founders by rooting our understanding in encounter, not ideology; prioritizing the well-being of others; seeing everyone as people first, not just roles; and using humor and being feisty in order to be bold and willing to do the unpopular. We value women’s leadership, we appreciate people from religious and secular backgrounds, we affirm members of the LGBT+ community, and we engage in the ongoing work to become a multicultural anti-racist organization. [Read More.](#)

### *Job Responsibilities:*

- **Issue Leader**
  - Lead the organization's appropriations and policy work for a set of issues within NETWORK’s agenda (tax justice, living wage, family-friendly workplace, access to democracy, access to healthcare, access to citizenship, and access to housing)
  - Analyze legislation and issues through the lens of Catholic Social Justice principles and collaborate with team to determine positions, arguments, talking points
  - Educate policymakers so NETWORK messaging is echoed in the public arena; find opportunities to raise NETWORK profile and messaging on the Hill and in the Administration
  - Develop and implement legislative strategy to create an effective intervention to pass (or block) federal legislation
    - Research background on issues, and direct staff and volunteers in research projects
    - Create political strategy identifying key Members of Congress and Administration to move the NETWORK agenda forward
    - Lobby Members of Congress and develop relationships with key congressional staff
    - Together with NETWORK teams, create campaigns that are creative and engage our Spirit-filled network of justice seekers
    - Strategically utilize elections as a means to bring attention to the issues – or to target our efforts for electoral impact

- **Relationship Builder**
  - Develop and cultivate relationships with policymakers who are strategic in promoting NETWORK's agenda
  - Build relationships with the Administration, Hill leadership, and key caucuses
  - Establish and meet Hill meeting goals, securing those “with us,” and building relationships with other Members and their offices
  - Strengthen reach through coalition participation/leadership – and identify potential new partners – with an eye toward diversity and unlikely partners
- **Management and Staff Commitments**
  - Collaborate with Government Relations Team in the development and implementation of NETWORK's issue agenda
  - Collaborate with other NETWORK teams to promote legislative agenda
  - Supervise/mentor staff or student volunteers
  - Keep records on lobby activity
  - Participate in organizational activities: planning, evaluation, development

*Qualifications:*

- 7-10 years of progressive professional experience, including five or more in federal government relations or issue advocacy.
- Knowledge of and experience with the federal appropriations process and our Mend the Gap issue areas: tax justice, living wage, family-friendly workplace, access to democracy, access to healthcare, access to citizenship, and access to housing.
- Demonstrated skills in lobbying, strategy, advocacy, communication, messaging, collaboration, relationship-building, and organizing.
- Experience working cross-functionally and in coalitions.
- Ability to work under pressure, work independently and on a team, meet deadlines and manage multiple projects.
- Experience in a detail-oriented position that required a high level of organizational skills.
- Commitment to creating a multicultural, anti-racist organization.
- Familiarity with Catholic Social Justice, working with disadvantaged populations, and/or representing a faith-based organization a plus.
- Fluency in Spanish and/or databases (e.g. Salsa, Salesforce, CQ) a plus.

*Compensation and Benefits*

This is a permanent, full-time position in our Washington, D.C. office. Starting pay \$60,250 per year with generous benefit and leave package, including health, vision, and dental insurance; paid parental leave; disability and life insurance; vacation days plus Christmas week off; quarterly all-staff retreat days; and retirement plan.

*How to Apply*

Send a résumé and cover letter – as attachments – to [employment@networklobby.org](mailto:employment@networklobby.org). Please include “Lobbyist” in the subject line and let us know in your email **where you saw our announcement**. You are welcome to include examples of – or links to – relevant past work.

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