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Mr. Kurth is a well-known and respected presence on Capitol Hill on an array of issues facing the telecommunications and technology sector. For the last six years, he has worked for Fortune 500 companies advising and advocating for them on spectrum auctions, service and technology mandates, video franchising reform, taxation moratoriums, broadband deployment, wireless innovation, smart grid incentives, and other cutting edge initiatives.

Prior to his consulting role, Kurth served as a top policy advisor to the former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman J. Dennis Hastert (R-IL). His portfolio included telecommunications, intellectual property, technology, financial services, taxation and government reform.

Mr. Kurth was with the Speaker for nine years, first staffing him during Hastert's tenure on the House Commerce Committee, specifically its jurisdictional interests in telecommunications and financial services issues. Once Hastert became Speaker, Kurth moved to his leadership office in the U.S. Capitol and managed high-profile legislation such as broadband deployment, spectrum relocation, media ownership reform, electronic signatures authorization, and modernization of financial services and commodity futures trading.

Mr. Kurth started his Capitol Hill career in 1993 as an intern to then-House Republican Leader, former-Congressman Robert Michel (R-IL). Kurth's first formal introduction to Washington was an opportunity to work at the U.S. State Department in the Bureau of African Affairs. A series of stints at State included working under Republican and Democratic administrations, where he wrote short bios, assembled embassy cables on news of the day, assisted on international visitor programs, and worked with desk officers on writing 'press guidance' for the State Department spokesman on breaking news. Between his service at State and Capitol Hill, he also worked for a major Washington, DC public relations firm on crisis communications, cause-related marketing and non-profit foundation management.

Mr. Kurth was born in Madison, Wisconsin, and grew up in Mendota, Illinois, a small farm town in north central Illinois. Kurth graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in business administration-economics, and a second major in broadcast communications.

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