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Mike is a 22-year veteran of Capitol Hill, and spent over 14 years as the Chief of Staff to Senator Jeff Merkley, an Oregon Democrat first elected in 2008. As Merkley's top aide, Mike managed a 50+ person staff and \$4 million budget, counseled the Senator on legislative and political strategy, represented the Senator to various constituencies, and led two successful re-elections. Mike helped stand up the Senate office in 2009 and built a team that supported Senator Merkley in becoming one of the nation's leading progressive lawmakers, developing groundbreaking legislation in climate policy, election integrity and campaign finance reform, LGBTQ equality, Wall Street accountability, and more. In guiding Senator Merkley's efforts to reform the Senate's archaic filibuster rules, Mike also became a leading expert in Senate procedure.



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