This practicum allowed for a deeper understanding of the stakeholders within a congressional district, the behavior of the healthcare industry, healthcare economics, and how these factors influence public discourse.

This resulted in:

1. Presented policy issues brought on by new organ donor rules.
2. Assisted the development of testimony regarding TennCare II Amendment 42.
3. Facilitated, with the VUMC Division of Trauma, a “Stop the Bleed” event.

The practicum in Congressman Cooper’s office highlighted the economic and political forces that drive healthcare in the US and a led to greater understanding of the the process of developing healthcare policy.