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This summer I interned in the office of Congressman Geoff Davis. Congressman Davis represents my home district of Kentucky 4. I was interested in this internship because I am a Political Science major and I wanted to see effective representation first hand. This internship was a great opportunity to learn about working in a high energy and fast paced office.

This summer gave me the invaluable experience of learning about our legislative process. I was given the opportunity to watch how Congress works to help constituents and work towards solving important policy issues. One of the best aspects of this job was working with permanent staffers in researching different topic areas. I had to do ample research and then compile it into a letterform that could be sent to constituents. This allowed me to polish my research and writing skills. I was also given the opportunity to attend hearings for the permanent staffers. These hearings were an important aspect of my education. I was able to hear from experts on a variety of issues.

When working at the front desk, I answered phones and greeted visitors. I never knew what to expect when answering phones from constituents. Answering phones allowed me to understand what issues were important to the people of Kentucky's 4<sup>th</sup> district.

My internship in Washington, DC allowed me to grow as a person and as an employee.