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## **Patrick R. Pennella Completed Congressional Operations Certificate from TheCapitol.Net**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – (Date) – Patrick R. Pennella completed his Certificate in Congressional Operations from TheCapitol.Net. The Certificate in Congressional Operations is awarded to participants in the program who have completed more than 75 hours of congressional related training.

Patrick Pennella is a Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard. He is currently assigned to the Office of Budget and Programs at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC.

"I have been attending TheCapitol.Net's courses for over a year. Their Congressional Operations Certificate program has provided me with valuable information and resources on congressional operations, and the skills to effectively engage in the legislative process," said Lt. Pennella. "The courses have made me more proficient at my job and will make me more competitive for future legislative affairs positions. Every course has been instructed by an expert with first-hand knowledge of the subject. I plan to continue to take courses from TheCapitol.Net and will continue to recommend them to others."

Patrick R. Pennella manages the congressional reports process, coordinates responses to congressional questions and department appropriations-related inquiries, and assists with preparing Coast Guard witnesses for congressional testimony. Previously, Lt. Pennella was assigned to the USCGC CONFIDENCE for two years, where he served as a deck watch officer, the supply officer, and a law enforcement boarding officer. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Canada in 2007, where he spent one year studying Canadian politics and bilateral security issues. A 2007 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers, Lt. Pennella is married with two children.

TheCapitol.Net's Congressional Operations Certificate gives professionals the background they need to effectively participate in the legislative arena. The courses help participants understand the legislative process, prepare congressional testimony, draft

federal legislation, research legislative histories, monitor legislation, communicate with Congress, and work with federal regulatory agencies.

To receive more information about the Congressional Operations Certificate go to [http://www.thecapitol.net/PublicPrograms/certificate\\_congressionaloperations.html](http://www.thecapitol.net/PublicPrograms/certificate_congressionaloperations.html)

**ABOUT THE COMPANY:**

TheCapitol.Net is a privately held, non-partisan publishing and training company based in Alexandria, VA. For over 30 years, TheCapitol.Net and its predecessor, Congressional Quarterly Executive Conferences, have been training professionals from government, military, business, and NGOs on the dynamics and operations of the legislative and executive branches and how to work with them.

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