

## Chris Sullivan

### Partner



Chris Sullivan joined the Kyle House Group in January 2015 and brings over a decade of experience in government and the private sector advising policymakers, corporate clients, non-profit organizations and trade associations on international trade, national security and global development issues.

Chris previously served in the office of Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), where he led the Senator's work on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Subcommittee on African Affairs. In this role, Chris focused on strengthening the private sector in the developing world, regional security issues, global health, and trade. In support of this work, Chris both coordinated and traveled on a number of high-level U.S. government delegations throughout Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia and conducted hearings on global health initiatives, emerging national security threats and federal agency budget priorities.

During his time on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Chris drafted a number of bipartisan bills that were signed into law, including the U.S.-Israel Enhanced Security Cooperation Act of 2012 and the Kate Puzey Peace Corps Volunteer Protection Act of 2011, which precipitated some of the most sweeping reforms of the Peace Corps since its inception in 1961.

In addition to his work with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Chris also served as Minority Staff Director on the Senate Finance Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness where he worked closely with key Administration officials, Members of Congress and their staff, foreign officials, and representatives of the private sector on ongoing trade negotiations such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) to advance the U.S. trade agenda.

Chris developed expertise on a wide range of trade initiatives including preference programs such as the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) as well as the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB), trade facilitation, and capacity building. Throughout his work on the Senate Finance Committee, Chris focused on advancing policies that would benefit small and medium businesses and reduce barriers to trade and investment. Chris also served as Senator Isakson's homeland security, national security and military Legislative Assistant, advising on a number of initiatives important to our national defense.

Chris received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Georgia and his master's degree in government with a security studies concentration from Johns Hopkins University. Chris lives in Georgia with his wife, Taylor, and their two sons, Jack and Sam.

#### Areas of Expertise

- Aid Effectiveness
- Trade and Investment
- Global Health
- Legislation and Policy

#### Education

- B.A. in Political Science, University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs
- M. A. in Security Studies Concentration, Johns Hopkins University

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