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Ethan leads NCBA's Washington office as the Vice President of Government Affairs. He is a fifth generation Arizonan with more than two decades of experience in natural resources, land use issues, and advocacy on behalf of the cattle industry. Prior to his current role, he was the Executive Director for the Public Lands Council, and Senior Executive Director of the NCBA Federal Lands portfolio. Ethan has also operated a consulting firm where he worked on multiple high-profile political campaigns and advised clients in a variety of industries on regulatory and legislative issues. Before moving to Washington, Ethan spent 10 years managing and helping to grow a large real estate and ranch portfolio in Arizona.



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Kaitlynn Serves as the Executive Director of the Public Lands Council and the leader of NCBA's Environment and Natural Resources Team. Prior to joining NCBA, she worked for five years as a policy advisor on agriculture, natural resources, and Tribal policy issues for a western U.S. Senator. Before moving to Washington, Kaitlynn spent several years working for Teagasc, the agriculture semi-state authority in Ireland. During that time, she earned a Masters of Agriscience in Innovation Support from University College Dublin. Originally from Wyoming, Kaitlynn has strong ties to grazers, recreationalists, and many other users of public land resources.



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Allison serves as the Executive Director of Government Affairs and leads the Agriculture, Food Policy, and Animal Health Team. She is a native North Carolinian with years of experience in agriculture, immigration, defense, foreign affairs, trade, transportation, natural resources, and energy policy. Before joining NCBA, Allison worked for four Members of Congress, from North Carolina to Northern California. She is a proud graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds degrees in Political Science and International Studies. Allison is also a proud graduate of the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College.



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Kent Bacus serves as NCBA's Executive Director of Government Affairs. In this role, he works with Congress, the Administration, and foreign governments to advance the U.S. cattle and beef industry's trade priorities and expand U.S. beef access to foreign markets. Bacus also represents NCBA as a cleared advisor on the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee for Trade in Animals and Animal Products. Prior to joining NCBA's Washington team in 2010, Kent worked on political campaigns in Texas and worked for several years as the agriculture and appropriations legislative assistant to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Dole (R-NC). Kent is originally from Texas, and holds a degree in history and political science from Texas Tech University.



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Dr. Kathy Simmons is NCBA's Chief Veterinarian. She leads on matters pertaining to animal health and welfare, working predominantly with the regulatory agencies involved in animal health issues and food safety. She represents the beef industry in dealing with international animal health at the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and with international food safety issues at Codex Alimentarius. Additionally, Dr. Simmons serves as policy advisor to NCBA's Cattle Health and Well Being Committee and working groups. Dr. Simmons received her doctorate in veterinary medicine from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia. Dr. Simmons worked in private veterinary practice for over 25 years in Virginia and West Virginia. From 2010-2011, she served in the United States Senate as a Congressional fellow, working on human health policy in the office of Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME).



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Mary-Thomas Hart works as NCBA's Chief Counsel. She advocates and represents the interests of U.S. cattle producers on issues such as the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and voluntary conservation programs. Mary-Thomas graduated from Berry College before receiving a Master of Science in Environmental Management and Juris Doctorate from Samford University.



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Tanner Beymer works as NCBA's Senior Director of Government Affairs, and serves as the staff liaison to the NCBA Live Cattle Marketing Committee. Previously, Beymer was Director of Government Affairs & Market Regulatory Policy. He regularly advocates to the Congress, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Commodities Futures Trading Commission, CME Group, and other industry partners to ensure farmers and ranchers maintain an efficient and transparent environment in which to market their cattle. Originally from southern Idaho, Tanner grew up in the cattle industry and attended the University of Idaho where he studied agricultural economics and political science. He previously served as Associate Director of NCBA Federal Lands and the Public Lands Council, where his lobbying work focused on modernizing the Endangered Species Act and streamlining the National Environmental Policy Act.



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Sigrid Johannes works as the Associate Director for the Public Lands Council and NCBA Natural Resources. Previously, she worked on the NCBA communications team and got hooked on the policy issues impacting federal grazing permittees. After graduating from the College of Charleston, Sigrid did communications work for the Joint Economic Committee in the U.S. Senate and Congresswoman Spanberger in the U.S. House. She is originally from Washington, D.C.



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Rebecca Barnett works as NCBA's Director of Animal Health & Food Safety Policy. In this role, Rebecca handles issues such as traceability, dietary guidelines, fake meat, animal welfare, and food safety. Rebecca is from a small California ranching community in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. She received her bachelor's degree in sustainable agriculture and food systems from the University of California, Davis. Rebecca gained experience in policy and animal health through working for the California State Assembly and UC Davis Veterinary Hospital. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Master's in Agribusiness in 2020. She previously worked at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) as the Associate Director of Public Policy.