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Dave began his career working on ethanol and oxygenated fuels issues while consulting and representing clients on the state, federal, corporate, and non-profit levels. He worked for the National Association of Conservation Districts from 1999 through 2001 as Director of Government Affairs with a specific focus on the 2002 Farm Bill and developing the association's grassroots system.

Dave worked for Ducks Unlimited as their lead Agriculture representative from 2001-2003 where he was one of the primary authors/partners leading the conservation communities efforts on passage of the largest conservation title of all time.

Following his time at DU went to serve as Chief of Staff at the Natural Resources Conservation Service from 2003-2006. He was a member of the management/leadership team responsible for a staff of nearly 12,500 employees, and a \$4 billion budget.

He served in a variety of roles within the Department including the Department of Agriculture's Representative on critical issues such as wetlands, wildlife, drought, Klamath Basin, biofuels, climate change, and preparation for the next Farm Bill's conservation title.

Dave is currently the Senior Director of Government Relations at the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. He is primarily focused on private/agricultural/working lands conservation for the Foundation. Dave graduated from Bowling Green State University in 1992 with a BA in Political Science focused on Environmental Policy. Dave was in the U.S. Army serving in the 4th Infantry Division.

