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CONGRESSMAN JOE NEGUSE ADDRESSES NEARLY 40 DC INTERNS AS PART OF THE WISH SPEAKER SERIES

NOT ALL DC Interns Work on Capitol Hill Missing Out on Engaging Public
Officials in Our Nation's Capital

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Joe Neguse, representing Colorado's 2nd Congressional District, recently addressed nearly 40 interns as part of the WISH Speaker Series. Rep Neguse shared his experiences leading up to being elected as one of the youngest members of Congress. He commended a room full of WISH interns for venturing to DC to elevate their academic and career goals. The WISH Speaker Series is focused on bringing interns and public officials together under a non-partisan, friendly forum, to expand student's experiences in our nation's capital.

"I think that it's very important that WISH puts together these events that allow interested students to talk to elected officials. These sorts of events are invaluable for students who are going into leadership positions, and I personally found it super helpful to be able to talk to Rep. Neguse, in person, very candidly" said Cooper Thayer, University of Colorado student and legislative affairs intern at the Kyle House Group. "Congressman Neguse was very open to chatting, and the WISH moderator made sure there was no shortage of interesting questions and ideas for the Congressman to discuss. I would definitely attend another event like this, and I'm sure WISH has more planned. "

The WISH Speakers Series and other WISH sponsored events have hosted the "Who's Who" inside the beltway to include:

- Former Florida Governor and current Congressman Charlie Crist
- Congresswoman Gwen Moore
- Senator Maria Cantwell
- Senator Tim Kaine
- Senator Tom Carper
- Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz
- Former Senator Bill Nelson

“Congressman Neguse has a terrific story to share and our interns were drawn into his presentation. Only about half of interns work on Capitol Hill, so this is the first time where they can engage an active member of Congress,” said Jean-Marie Leonard, Vice President of School Partnerships and Student Engagement. “Our WISH Speakers Series offers a friendly forum during politically volatile times. We want our students to experience what makes Washington, D.C. so exciting and engaging. By the end of their semesters, many students plan on returning to pursue their career goals and be part of the democratic process.”

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About WISH:

For over 25 years, WISH has been the leading intern housing and residential life services provider in Washington DC. WISH works with colleges and universities around the world to provide thousands of DC interns student housing for the terms needed whether it be fall, spring, summer or all year. Faculty housing, classrooms, conference rooms, and reception room are all available for WISH residents' needs. For more information go to www.internsdc.com.