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Maureen Boyle, Ph.D. is the Chief of the Science Policy Branch at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) where she works with congress and other stakeholders to promote science based decision making in public health policy. Prior to joining NIDA Dr. Boyle was a Lead Public Health Advisor at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) where she coordinated efforts to promote the use of technology to improve the delivery of behavioral health care. Dr. Boyle received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Washington University in St. Louis where she studied the genetic and molecular basis of depression and anxiety-related behaviors. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Allen Institute for Brain Science and she received training in science policy through the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Policy Fellowship program.

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Ortal Ullman works with the Union of Concerned Scientists to advocate practical and sustainable solutions to climate and energy issues in the US. After graduating with a B.S. in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention from the University of Southern California, Ortal cut their teeth in organizing and advocacy with the Student Global AIDS Campaign and Health GAP in D.C., and helped build the right to health movement with Partners and Health in Boston working on issues of access to medicine and federal funding for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and maternal and child health. At UCS, they focus on increasing use of and access to renewable energy, and holding fossil fuel companies accountable for the negative impacts of their products on the public and environment. Ortal is passionate about environmental justice, radical listening, and being outdoors, and believes that every policy is a public health policy.

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Daphné A. Robinson is a Public Health Analyst at the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and a consultant for the New Jersey Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism, where she helps build and manage research programs. A neuroscientist, she developed her strategic planning, program coordination and communication skills as a AAAS Science Policy Fellow at NIH. Daphné has a wide range of interests focused around improving public health, science literacy and scientific careers, all of which she can indulge at work. During her free time, she likes to read, hike, and build contraptions with

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Fatu Badiane Markey received her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College and Master's degree from Thomas Jefferson University. She has over 10 years of lab experience exploring topics ranging from neurite outgrowth to cancer diagnostics. She happily resides in the Philadelphia area with her tech savvy husband. When not in lab, Fatu enjoys surrounding herself with food, friends, and family. After graduation, she hopes to find a career that will allow her to pursue her three main passions: teaching, policy work, and research. She is currently a 5th year PhD student in the lab of Dr. Mona Batish studying novel protein-protein interactions in Ewing's sarcoma.

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Rahul is currently a senior undergraduate student at Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey studying Cell Biology and Neuroscience. Throughout his undergraduate education and training Rahul has accumulated research experience and demonstrated proficiency in several fields including behavioral neuroscience, molecular and cell biology, as well as computational/statistical modeling. As an early career scientist, Rahul is actively involved in science advocacy and policy, as it has become integral component of practicing science for him. The primary mechanisms he has pursued to learn how to effectively advocate for federal support of science have been through the Society for Neuroscience (SfN) where he was a 2016 Early Career Policy Ambassador (ECPA) and previously was a Public Education Intern in the summer of 2016.