Member, House of Delegates, January 14, 1987 to January 9, 1991, representing District 26 (Prince George's County). Member, Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, 1987-91; Joint Committee on Federal Relations, 1987-91.

Member, Government Review Task Force for Public Safety, Prince George's County (co-chair, 1982). Member, Advisory Committee for Educational Block Grants, 1992-94; Child Care Administration Advisory Council, 1992-95; Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement Study Coordination Committee, 1992-96; U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study Task Force, 1993-96; Sound Barrier Review Panel, 1995-96; Council on Management and Productivity, 1995-97; Maryland School Performance Assessment Program Review Panel, 1997-; Task Force to Study the Governance, Coordination, and Funding of the University System of Maryland, 1998-99; State Interagency Coordinating Council [for Infants and Toddlers Program], 1998-2000; Commission on Education Finance, Equity, and Excellence, 1999-2002; Task Force to Study College Readiness for Disadvantaged and Capable Students, 2000-01; Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation, 2000-; Governor's Commission to Study Poverty in Maryland, 2001-03; Commission on Aging, 2002-; Task Force on Child Welfare System Accountability, 2003-04; Task Force on the Status of Women and Information Technology, 2004-; Auto Insurance Task Force to Study Rates in Urban Areas, 2005. Past member, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

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