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G. William Hoagland joined the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) in September 2012 as senior vice president. He helps direct and manage fiscal, health and economic policy analyses for BPC.

Before joining BPC, he served as CIGNA Corporation's vice president of public policy beginning in 2007, working with CIGNA business leaders, trade associations, business coalitions and interest groups to develop CIGNA policy on health care reform issues at both the federal and state levels.

Prior to joining CIGNA, Hoagland completed 33 years of federal government service, 25 spent as staff in the U.S. Senate. From January 2003 to January 2007, he served as the director of budget and appropriations in the office of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist. In this role, he served as a liaison to the leadership of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. He assisted in evaluating the fiscal impact of major legislation and helped to coordinate budget policy for the Senate leadership.



DAVID HOPPE

Senior Adviser, Bipartisan Policy Center

David Hoppe is a senior advisor to the Bipartisan Policy Center. He served as the chief of staff for Senator Jon Kyl in the Republican Whip's office. Prior to joining the office of Senator Kyl, Hoppe was president of Quinn Gillespie and Associates after having served nearly 30 years on Capitol Hill, where he held a number of important staff positions in the Republican leadership. He served as chief of staff to then-Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS) from 1996 through 2002.

In his early Hill career working with Sen. Lott, Hoppe was staff director of the House Republican Research Committee from 1979 through 1980 and staff director for the House Republican Whip from 1981 through 1984. Hoppe has served as chief of staff to Representative Jack Kemp (R-NY) and administrative aide to U.S. Senator Dan Coats (R-IN). In addition, he worked at the Heritage Foundation as a vice president for government affairs.

Hoppe began his career in Congress as a research associate for the House Republican Study Committee in 1976. Hoppe earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame and a Master of Arts in international relations from the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University.



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Shai Akabas is the associate director for economic policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC). He joined BPC's Economic Policy Project in 2010, staffing the Domenici-Rivlin Debt Reduction Task Force that year, and assisted now-Fed Governor Jerome Powell in his work on the federal debt limit in 2011. Since then, Akabas has conducted research on other federal fiscal policy issues – including entitlement reform, tax reform, and sequestration – and is currently helping to steer BPC's Commission on Retirement Security and Personal Savings. He has been interviewed by publications including The New York Times, The Washington

Post, and The Wall Street Journal on these topics, and has published op-eds in The Hill and The Christian Science Monitor.

Prior to joining BPC, Akabas worked as a satellite office director on New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's 2009 campaign for reelection. He currently serves on the board of trustees for Beit Rabban, a Jewish day school on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. He was born and raised in New York City, and received his B.A. in economics and history from Cornell University. He is currently pursuing an M.S. in applied economics at Georgetown University.



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Brian Collins is a senior policy analyst at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC). He joined BPC's Economic Policy Project in 2012 and has contributed to several economic and health policy projects, including work on healthcare payment and delivery system reform, financing of long-term care, retirement security, and analysis of federal budget policy and the statutory debt limit.

Collins grew up in Oregon and earned a Masters of Public Policy and B.S. in business administration, with concentrations in accounting and finance, from Oregon State University.