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Since 2010, Mr. Mairena has served as the Government Relations Manager for the world's largest non-profit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the unmanned systems community. At AUVSI, he is the legislative lead for ground and maritime systems and robotics and is the lead for air issues at the state level. His responsibilities at the federal level include lobbying members of Congress in the House and Senate Armed Services, Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology and Transportation committees. Mr. Mairena works closely with the staff in the House Unmanned Systems and Robotics Caucuses and the

Senate Unmanned Aerial Systems Caucus. At the state level Mr. Mairena works with AUVSI members, its chapters and stakeholders to prevent the passage of anti-unmanned aircraft systems legislation. Additionally, he coordinates AUVSI's Hill Day, which is an annual event when AUVSI members fly to Washington, DC to educate Congress about the unmanned systems and robotics industry.

Prior to AUVSI, Mr. Mairena spent 17 years lobbying in the chemical industry. Specifically, lobbying on behalf of consumer product companies, which formulate products for household, industrial and institutional use. As Director of Federal Affairs, Mr. Mairena lobbied the House and Senate Agriculture, Appropriations, Commerce, Education and Small Business Committees and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Capitol Hill on issues that were critical to the consumer products industry.

Mr. Mairena has been interviewed by a long list of media outlets including *Reuters*, *Bloomberg*, *CBS News*, *Minnesota Public Radio*, *NBC*, *LA Business Journal*, *Inside Business*, *Huffington Post*, *Kiplinger*, *Politico*, and *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

Mr. Mairena graduated with a degree in Political Science with a minor in Accounting from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA.