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**Merrilea Mayo** Founder, Mayo Enterprises, LLC

MRS Congressional Fellow 1998–1999  
Office of Senator Lieberman

"At the end of the fellowship year I found that I was enjoying 'doing' science policy more than just teaching about it, and I ended up staying on in Rep. Honda's office as a member of the staff where I remained for over a decade. I would not have had that opportunity without the Congressional Fellowship. I encourage anyone who wonders about how federal policies are developed or wants to have a greater role in that process to apply to be a Congressional Fellow."

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