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During the month of June, 2006 I had the opportunity to intern with the American Foundation for the Blind in Washington, DC. While there I delivered appropriations recommendations for FY 2007 to many offices on Capitol Hill, arranged and attended meetings with my home state congressmen and the staff of the telecommunications subcommittee on the House side, attended disability-wide coalition meetings, assisted the AFB research staff with a literature review for a grant on secondary transition research, and prepared reports regarding the National Longitudinal Transition Study 2 for publication on the AFB website. This experience has been a highlight of my educational career. It has reaffirmed that research and legislation are intimately connected and I look forward to contributions in the future.