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Dave Tyahla (“Tall-ya”) joined NRPA’s Public Policy Office in 2011. He is responsible for the development and execution of advocacy strategies to advance NRPA’s federal policy interests.

Dave has more than 20 years of legislative and policy experience on issues ranging from international tax and trade to education, youth sports, recreation and transportation. He served for five years on Capitol Hill on the legislative staff for U.S. Senator Dan Coats of Indiana and U.S. Representative Dave Camp of Michigan. Dave then worked as a registered lobbyist for the National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., as well as the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

Most recently, Dave served as the Director of Government Relations at the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the charitable arm of soccer in America. While there, he advocated for “safe and accessible places for all children to play” and the programming to accommodate the increasing number of underserved youth interested in playing the game. He successfully secured funding for various programs and projects through annual appropriations, is credited with establishing the Congressional Soccer Caucus, and drafted legislation which would use organized sports as the vehicle to combat childhood obesity and delinquency.

Dave received his bachelor of arts from Indiana University and holds a legislative certificate from the Maxell School of Public Policy at Syracuse University.