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Steve Driehaus is a senior consultant in democracy and governance with the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and the Founding Partner of the Good Government Group in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is currently working on a presidential transition project in Liberia, coordinating efforts to update the codification of Liberian law while strengthening legislative drafting processes within the Liberian legislature.

In 2023, Steve returned from Iraq, where he served as Resident Senior Director for NDI. In this role, he managed a staff of 16 Iraqi and third-country nationals who designed and implemented programs to strengthen Iraq's democracy. He led NDI's work in Iraq, focusing on building the capacity of political parties, professionalizing the work of parliamentary committees and directorates, empowering women and youth in the political process, and developing domestic election monitoring to ensure fair and impartial elections.

Steve is a former U.S. Representative for Ohio's 1st Congressional District, serving from 2009 to 2011. During his time in Congress, he was a member of the Financial Services Committee and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Before his election to Congress, he served for eight years in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he was elected Minority Whip from 2005 to 2008.

In 2018, Steve founded the Good Government Group in Cincinnati, a consulting firm focused on the intersection of public policy, community engagement, and economic development. He also served as the Executive Director of Cincinnati Compass, a regional initiative advocating for immigrants and celebrating the cultural and economic contributions of first-generation Americans in Greater Cincinnati.

Previously, Steve served as Country Director for the U.S. Peace Corps in both Morocco and Swaziland. In Morocco, he led 150 volunteers focused on youth development, forging partnerships with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Youth and Sports, and expanding into smaller, rural communities. Before that, Steve spent four and a half years as the Country Director for Peace Corps Swaziland, leading projects on community health and youth development to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Steve earned a B.A. in Political Science and Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs from Miami University. After graduation, he joined the Peace Corps in Senegal as an Environmental Education Volunteer, where he worked with village groups and local schools to promote sustainable environmental practices. He also holds a Master's Degree in Public Affairs (MPA) from Indiana University, where he focused on Public Finance and Comparative International Affairs.

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