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The Office of Governmental Relations coordinates the efforts of the four UH System universities to work with elected officials, administrative agencies and community organizations to advance the priorities of the system and its individual institutions. Emphasizing an engaged and comprehensive approach, the office focuses on establishing collaborative partnerships within the community, implementing a proactive external affairs program and maintaining mutually productive relationships with government entities.

Jason is the primary contact with elected officials, their staff, and administrators, whether they work in federal, state or local offices on behalf of the University of Houston, the University of Houston System, and its other component universities (UH Clear Lake, UH Victoria, and UH Downtown). He provides these elected officials the information they need to positively impact the future of the University of Houston System.