

SHIFTING GEARS

Highways and Transit Subcommittee ranking member [Rodney Davis](#) (R-Ill.) has a new communications director: **Aaron DeGroot**, who's based in the district and spent the last five years in Illinois GOP politics, started on Monday. Davis' former comms director **Ashley Phelps** has moved over to the House Administration Committee, where Davis is also ranking member.

Two experts on vehicle greenhouse gas emissions are moving to a new group. Dan Becker and Jim Gerstenzang had long run at the Safe Climate Campaign at the Center for Auto Safety, a Ralph Nader-founded group that focuses on broader auto safety issues. Becker and Gerstenzang have switched over to the Center for Biological Diversity, where they will run the Safe Climate Transport Campaign to push

**back on the Trump
administration's rollback of
auto emissions standards and
advocate for more electric
vehicles.**

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