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Steve Pruitt is a Senior Partner at the Watts Consulting Group.

In a distinguished Washington career spanning over three decades, Steve has earned the reputation of being a respected and knowledgeable Congressional legislative and public policy expert. He has served in numerous positions of responsibility including as Staff Director of the Committee on the Budget of the United States House of Representatives and as a senior legislative and political advisor to Congressman William H. Gray, III (D-PA), the former Chair of the Committee on the Budget who rose through the ranks to also become the Majority Whip of the House of Representatives.

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Steve holds both graduate and undergraduate degrees from the Ohio State University.