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For the past 17 years, DeRose has worked with candidates at every level across five different states. Highlights include serving as Director of Election Day Operations for Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and managing a nationally targeted Congressional race.

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