Fellow Name: Freda Hawver Pachter

PIFP Partner Organization: The Bell Policy Center

Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:
I will be contributing to the Blue Book that Bell puts out describing each of the initiatives on the ballot this November, writing about which ones we support or oppose and why. I will also be writing research summaries for the website, doing more research on the issues we’re focusing on this year, and once the legislative session starts, keeping track of them in the capitol. I will also be writing testimonies and presenting them.

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in your fellowship so far?
Tom Cronin was right about everything.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?
I’m interested in policymaking and wanted to put my Political Science major to the test, and I loved working for nonprofits in the past. I have no idea what career or cause I want to commit myself to yet, so I figured I would try out being a lobbyist for a couple different issues that I care about and see if I like it. So far I do!

What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?
Great question, because I just moved to Denver and I’m trying to meet new friends and become a part of some new activities. So far I’ve enjoyed hitting the farmers markets and cooking a lot, I’m joining a book group of elderly people, and I just got a puppy so I spend a lot of time walking around with her, trying to entice people into being my friend with a cute pup. She’s an excellent wingwoman.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I taught myself to code HTML for Neopets when I was 9.