**Interview Protocol – Policymakers, General**

1. If asked by a stranger to describe what the RPC does and your role in it, how would you describe it?
2. How are the services that RPC offers different or similar to other research & policy groups?
3. From your current perspective, does the RPC offer something different than CRS?
4. How have you worked with research and policy groups in the past?
5. What motivated you and your office to work with research teams?
6. How have you used research services in the past (e.g., requesting information or support from researchers)?
7. To what extent do you feel that your office needs research expertise?
8. How would you describe your experiences getting research/expert information on your own?
9. How do you typically go about getting this information?

**Pre Event Interview Protocol – Policymakers**

1. If asked by a stranger to describe what the RPC does and your role in it, how would you describe it?
2. What motivated you and your office to meet with RPC team members?
3. What do you hope to accomplish through the RPC?
4. How have you used research services in the past (e.g., requesting information or support from researchers)?
5. To what extent do you feel that your office needs research expertise?
6. How would you describe your experiences with:
   1. Getting information about the RPC process
   2. Receiving information, per request, prior to the meeting (if applicable)
   3. Working meetings with the RPC team
7. What have been the main challenges of working with the RPC team and why?
8. What has worked well? Why or why not?
   1. What ways would you improve this process?
9. How are the services that RPC offers different or similar to other research & policy groups?
10. From your current perspective, does the RPC offer something different than CRS?

**Post Event Interview Protocol – Policymakers**

1. What motivated you and your office to be part of the Research to Policy Collaboration project?
2. What did you hope to accomplish in this process?
3. How have you used this service (e.g., requesting information or support from researchers)?
4. To what extent do you feel that your office’s needs for expertise were addressed?
5. How would you describe your experiences with:
   1. Getting information about the RPC process
   2. Receiving information, per request, prior to the meeting (if applicable)
   3. Socializing with researchers
   4. Working meetings with researchers
   5. Coordinating or planning for the meeting day
6. What were the main challenges of working with RPC and why?
7. What worked well? Why or why not?
8. What ways would you improve this process?
9. Overall, how satisfied were you with this process?
10. In retrospect, if you were asked to participate again, would you? Why or why not?