



JORDAN BALL

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When Jordan Ball isn't busy with his job as a Regional Representative for U.S. Senator Bob Casey (Pa.) or pursuing his M.B.A. in Energy Finance at West Virginia University, he likes to channel his inner James Corden, star of The Late, Late Show's "Carpool Karaoke."

"I love to sing in the car and play carpool karaoke with my friends – especially on road trips," says Ball. "My singing voice is only fair, but I have solid dance moves, so I'm not afraid to belt out songs and go crazy. I'd love to tell you I'm out there 'throwin' it down' on a regular basis, but I'm usually home studying."

Ball discovered his passion for public service through a CI internship. During his senior year, he worked on Capitol Hill for Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta.

After graduation, Ball chose to return to his roots – rural Appalachia (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky) – and bring attention to issues impacting the region. Both sides of his family hail from the area, and most extended family members are either coal miners or their jobs depend on the industry.

"I have such a strong affinity for coal country," he says. "It feels great to give a voice to people and communities that have been historically disenfranchised and displaced by automation, globalization and other economic factors."

Ball, who also serves as Co-Director of the Pittsburgh New Leaders Council and has been recognized as a leading regional influencer, says his greatest accomplishment, thus far, is a speech he gave to national leaders in Washington, D.C. He says he hopes to represent his region as an elected official someday.

NOTE: Ball describes his musical taste as "eclectic" and says he enjoys singing whatever moves him. He used to perform Michael Jackson for school talent shows.

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