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Preceding his work at NGA, Garrett oversaw the rigorous evaluation of education and training programs in the Office of Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Labor. He also served at various levels of Colorado state government, including the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Joint Budget Committee of the General Assembly, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

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