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Tanvi Merianda is an International Relations and Global Studies student at The University of Texas at Austin.

Tanvi interned in the U.S. House of Representatives in the summer of 2026, where she led a legislative project preparing the chairman of the Joint Economic Committee for a closed-door Ways and Means roundtable with the Indian ambassador to the United States. She drafted and presented a legislative brief on the U.S.-India Bilateral Trade Agreement covering India's diversification away from Russian crude oil, the implications of India's data localization laws for U.S. entities, American investment in nuclear energy and critical minerals, and the effect of India's subsidy regime on U.S. agricultural exports. She also attended international security seminars, including the Hoover Institution's "One Year After Pahalgam," to deepen her understanding of U.S.-India strategic and defense cooperation.

The internship allowed Tanvi to apply her background in international relations and foreign policy to domestic legislative work, connecting broad geopolitical issues with the details of legislative policymaking. It sharpened her interest in the intersection of law and foreign affairs, a focus she plans to pursue in law school through international law and human rights.