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Jason Gabhart joined SHRM in March 2014 as the California State Government Relations Advisor. Working closely with the California State Council of SHRM, Jason advocates for SHRM's interests in the California State Legislature, the Governor's office, and various state agencies and departments.

Prior to joining SHRM, Jason served as external relations manager at the California Optometric Association (COA), where he assisted optometrists with third party payer issues and with matters they confronted as small business owners. Jason's previous career experience includes advocacy positions with the Association of California Life & Health Insurance Companies (ACLHIC) and Griffin & Associates, where he was a legislative and regulatory advocate with both entities. Jason began his career as an attorney with the law firm of Rich, Fudge, Morris & Iverson.

Jason received a Juris Doctorate degree from UC Davis Law School, and a bachelor's in arts degree in political science from UC Berkeley. He resides in Granite Bay, California with his wife and three children.