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Meghan has served on the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee since July 2019, where she oversees more than \$53 billion in annual discretionary funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H), and the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR). Meghan first came to work for the U.S. Senate on the authorizing side as a Brookings LEGIS Fellow for the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

Committee in January 2019, where she worked on issues related to biomedical research, public health, and women’s health. As Professional Staff on the LHHS Subcommittee, Meghan has served Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Patty Murray (D-WA), and Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), overseeing agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). In addition to her work writing annual appropriations bills that provide funding for HHS programs, Meghan contributed to writing Congress’s six COVID-19 supplemental bills, including the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

A native Kentuckian, Meghan graduated from the University of Louisville with a PhD in Neurobiology in 2011. After completing an intramural postdoctoral research fellowship at NIH and the Christine Mirzayan fellowship at the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, she spent five years working in science and technology policy and administration, first as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) fellow and then as the inaugural Chief of Staff at NIH’s National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

Meghan is a proud University of Chicago alumna with an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences and a specialization in the Neurosciences. She spends her free time biking, chasing her three young sons around neighborhood playgrounds and cheering for her oldest son at Capitol Hill Little League games.