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Jessica Berry is a native Vermonter with more than 21 years' experience in the U.S. Senate in several roles, including the last 6 years as senior Committee staff for Appropriations Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.). She serves dual roles as the Committee lead for identifying, selecting, and shepherding through Leahy's Vermont congressionally directed spending projects, as well as his Vermont and national programmatic priorities across the 12 appropriations bills, and as Majority Clerk of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee, providing funding for the first branch of government, including the Congress, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police, and Architect of the Capitol. Jessica also worked previously for Leahy on the Judiciary Committee and in his personal office, and for former Chairwoman Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies (CJS).

As CJS professional staff between 2008 and 2013, Jessica handled funding and oversight recommendations for the Department of Justice, directing upwards of \$30 billion annually for federal law enforcement, including the FBI, DEA, ATF, U.S. Marshals Service, U.S. Attorneys, and the Bureau of Prisons, as well as grant-making components.

While on the Judiciary Committee between 2001 and 2005, she was instrumental in advancing then-Ranking Member Leahy's priorities relating to appropriations and authorizations under the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security. She played a key role in writing and negotiating the 2005 Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act (VAWA).

Just prior to rejoining Leahy's Appropriations staff in 2017, she served as a Senior Advisor at the Department of the Interior, coordinating appropriations and oversight of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF).

Jessica is a proud alumna of Bowdoin College in Maine, where she received a B.A. in government and legal studies and sociology. She lived and studied in Argentina's Patagonia region, and Stockholm, Sweden, and remains an avid traveler and outdoors enthusiast. She is a Stennis Congressional Staff Fellow for the 117th Congress.