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Chief of Staff of Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., co-chair of the EU Caucus co-chair of COSA, the Congressional Chiefs of Staff association

Congressman Wilson is the Co-Chairman & founder of the European Union Caucus, as well as the Co-Chairman of the Helsinki Commission-OSCE. The Congressman is a member of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Education committees. He is also the Chairman of the Republican Study Committee's Foreign Affairs & National Security Task Force.

Prior to this current position, Jonathan has served as a Chief of Staff for other Members of Congress and was a Senior Advisor at the Republican Study Committee where he assisted Members of Congress with various projects as well as worked with the business community.

During his career, Jonathan served on the staff for the Presidential Campaign of Senator John McCain. He has also worked on campaigns for Members of the Senate and House. In addition he worked in the private sector handling government affairs at Merrill Lynch as well as at various trade associations for the broadcasting, telecommunications, and energy sectors.

He is a graduate of the American University in Washington, DC with a concentration in government, international relations and economics.

Jonathan has been awarded fellowships from Stanford's Hoover Institution, President Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and he was Stennis Congressional Fellow.

His daughter is a soccer player who has been training with Barcelona's Academy Pro in the USA.

Claire Figel

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Claire Figel serves as a Senior Analyst on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where she advises Ranking Member Risch on Western Hemisphere affairs. Claire previously worked on the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, and on the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee. She is also pursuing a Master of Arts in Security Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service part-time, and received her Bachelor of Arts from Bucknell University. Claire was born and raised in Washington, DC.

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Legislative director for Senator Jeanne Shaheen

Ariel Marshall serves as the legislative director for Senator Jeanne Shaheen, the senior Senator from New Hampshire. In this position, Ariel develops and implements the Senator's legislative agenda.

Before assuming this role, Ariel served as Senator Shaheen's senior domestic policy advisor, helping to advance the Senator's legislative initiatives in the areas of energy, environment, advanced manufacturing, science and innovation, and additional domestic policy goals. Ariel began her career on Capitol Hill through a congressional fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Optical Society and the International Society for Optics and Photonics. As a fellow, she worked on energy and environment issues for Senator Mark Udall (D-CO) and subsequently for Senator Shaheen.

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Lauren Marshall

U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner's (D-VA) Legislative Director

Lauren Marshall serves as U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner's (D-VA) Legislative Director. Over the course of her eight years with his office, she has served as Senior Policy Advisor, Legislative Assistant, Legislative Aide, and Legislative Correspondent, supporting him on a number of portfolios with an emphasis on education policy. Previously, she was a Field Organizer on Elizabeth Colbert Busch's campaign for Congress. In December 2012, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Lauren is a Virginia native and graduate of Episcopal High School in Alexandria. She is happiest when spending quality time with her daughter, Ella. Lauren's most recent read for pleasure was *Caucasia* by Danzy Senna.