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**AM Workshop 3B:** H.R. 1 and the Aging Network: Funding Shifts, Program Impacts and What Advocates Need to Know

**Speaker:** Kelsey Bergfeld, BA

Kelsey Bergfeld Bio:

Kelsey Bergfeld is a native of northwest Ohio and a graduate of The Ohio State University, where she earned degrees in Political Science and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

After graduation, she was selected as a Legislative Service Commission Fellow (2012) and began her public service career in the office of State Senator Tom Sawyer (D–Akron), where she served as a Fellow and later as Senior Legislative Aide for four years.

Bergfeld has since held key advocacy and leadership roles, including Legislative Liaison for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) District 1199 (WV/KY/OH), State Director of Advocates for Ohio's Future, a statewide health and human services policy coalition, and Associate State Director of Advocacy and Outreach for AARP Ohio.

Since May 2024, Bergfeld has served as Chief Policy Officer for the Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging (o4a). Outside of work, she coaches strength and conditioning classes and enjoys spending time with her dog, River.