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Jocelyn Batko Richgels joined the Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI) in September 2004 as the Associate Director of National Policy Programs. RUPRI conducts policy-relevant research and facilitates public dialogue to assist policymakers in understanding the rural impacts of public policies and programs. In this capacity, Ms. Richgels ensures that our nation's policymakers access and utilize the research and practice conducted by RUPRI Centers as they consider legislation that impacts rural America. She directs the policy outreach efforts for the RUPRI Rural Health and Human Services portfolio and closely tracks the rural development policy dimensions of the nation's Farm Bills.

Ms. Richgels was born and raised on a family farm in rural southwest Wisconsin and her understanding of rural America stems first-hand from this experience. She has over eight years of public policy experience, beginning her career as staff to a Member of Congress from Minnesota, who represented one of the most rural Congressional districts in the country at the time. In between public policy work, she gained extensive experience in fundraising, sales and marketing through careers as a Major Gifts Development Officer at Mills College in California and Advertising Sales Manager at *The Atlantic Monthly* magazine.

Ms. Richgels received a Masters of Public Policy from the School of Public Policy at the University of Maryland – College Park. She graduated with honors from the Management, Finance and Leadership specialization, with a research emphasis on rural policy analysis. Ms. Richgels' undergraduate degree was earned at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Ms. Richgels has served on the Maryland School of Public Policy Alumni Board for a number of years. She currently lives in Washington DC.