

# Stateside Infrastructure Team

## STRATEGY FOCUS



**Taylor Beis**

Director, Energy Policy

### ENERGY

With over two decades of political and government affairs experience, Taylor developed expertise in energy policy during his time representing the electric power industry. As a leader in Stateside's energy practice, he has a deep understanding of electric power infrastructure and generation, clean energy technologies, and electric vehicles.



**Jake Bookwalter**

Vice President

### LEGISLATIVE

Jake has more than a decade of experience monitoring, analyzing, and contextualizing legislation from every state and territory. He works closely with clients to understand their policy priorities and deliver relevant and timely research.



**Becky Lukaesko**

Vice President

### REGULATORY

Becky has spent over a decade at Stateside helping clients understand and navigate the rulemaking process in every state. She leads a division comprised of specialized attorneys who advise clients on how regulatory activity could impact their business and where they have an opportunity to influence the process.



**Stephanie Reich**

Vice President

### LEGISLATIVE & LOCAL

Stephanie leads Stateside's legislative and local divisions, which monitor and analyze legislative activity across all 50 states, D.C. and the territories, and more than 10,000 local jurisdictions. She has extensive experience with state and local government, having worked in corporate government affairs and served in various leadership roles in D.C. government.



**Robert Williams**

Senior Political Director

### BROADBAND

Robert helps clients in emerging industries plan and implement their state government relations strategies. He has lobbied on behalf of clients in state capitals across the country and cultivated a network of elected official contacts from his time working for two national legislative organizations.

## POLICY FOCUS



**Alexander Aceto**

Legislative Issue Manager

### TRANSPORTATION

Alex is an expert on transportation legislation and trends. He monitors and summarizes legislative activity related to transportation infrastructure, electric and autonomous vehicles, mobility, safety, and trucking on behalf of Stateside's clients.



**Robby Korn**

Legislative Issue Manager

### BROADBAND

Robby is an expert on telecommunications issues including broadband deployment. He monitors and summarizes legislative activity related to broadband infrastructure, 5G, wireless carriers, permitting and siting, and land use on behalf of Stateside's clients.



**Nancy LeVinus**

Budget Analyst

### FISCAL

Nancy is a seasoned budget analyst and policy researcher with over 25 years' experience at the New Hampshire General Court. Her unique insight into the state budgeting and federal grantmaking processes allows Stateside to offer cutting-edge research and intelligence about infrastructure funding.



**Jordan Rodell**

Legislative Issue Manager

### FISCAL

Jordan is an expert on state budgets and fiscal policy. She monitors and analyzes the budgetary process in each state—from governors' budget proposals and state of the state addresses to legislative amendments—and summarizes each line item on behalf of Stateside's clients.



**Stephanie Rojo**

Manager, Local Division

### LOCAL

Stephanie is a manager in Stateside's local division, where she provides leadership to the team responsible for monitoring more than 10,000 local entities spanning all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.



**Sophia Tailor**

Legislative Issue Manager

### ENERGY

Sophia is an expert on energy policy issues. She monitors and summarizes legislative activity related to clean energy, energy efficiency, grid modernization, building codes, and emissions on behalf of Stateside's clients.



**Vijnata Trivedi**

Regulatory Counsel

### REGULATORY

As a counsel in the regulatory services division, Vijnata provides clients with in-depth intelligence and strategic guidance about the state rulemaking processes. She has prior legal experience advising clients on complex compliance and regulatory matters.

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# Infrastructure Team Partners



We are partnering with BGR Group on our Infrastructure Funding Service. BGR's bipartisan Commerce and Infrastructure Practice in Washington, D.C. will bring their extensive policy background and strong relationships on Capitol Hill and in the Biden Administration to help engage on the federal level as guidelines are written for the new state and local grant programs.

## MEET OUR PARTNERS



**Mayor Steve Benjamin**

**Advisory Board Co-Chair**

Mayor Steve Benjamin focuses on outreach to state and local governments and coalition building around issues including infrastructure, telecommunications, and public financing. In this role, he serves as a non-lobbying strategic advisor to BGR and its clients as they navigate the current political landscape around local, state and federal government....

**MEET MAYOR BENJAMIN**



**Robin Colwell**

**Senior Vice President**

Robin offers her clients her strategic insights and skillful advocacy on complex telecommunications, technology, and cybersecurity policy issues. Robin's wide-ranging experience includes key roles in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government as well as the private sector...

**MEET ROBIN**



**Jonathan Mantz**

**Principal**

Jonathan leads the firm's Democratic outreach efforts. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Commerce, Infrastructure & Energy Practice. Over the past three decades, Jonathan has held senior positions to elect Democrats to the White House, Senate, House of Representatives and governorships...

**MEET JONATHAN**



**Justin Rzepka**

**Principal**

Justin is Co-Chair of the Commerce practice. He performs a key role in the Group's robust practice that includes telecommunications, technology, transportation, infrastructure and energy. He advocates before Congress, the administration and independent agencies...

**MEET JUSTIN**



**Erskine Wells**

**President**

Erskine is the president of the BGR Group. He heads the firm's Commerce Practice and the Defense and Aerospace Practice. He joined BGR in 2011 after serving on the Hill for nearly a decade. Now, Erskine represents clients with interests in telecom, defense, transportation, financial services and appropriations before Congress, the administration and state and local governments...

**MEET ERSKINE**

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