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Julia Jackels joins Groundwork to support the development and implementation of Groundwork's policy agenda, priorities and strategies through effective communication, advocacy, research and data analysis. Julia provides targeted support to Groundwork's research and advocacy elevating the early childhood workforce and grassroots mobilization of early childhood providers and local policymakers.

Prior to joining Groundwork, Julia served as the Legislative Assistant to the Government Relations team at Roetzel & Andress ("Roetzel") in Columbus, Ohio. During her time at Roetzel, Julia provided legislative support on state-level issues to a multitude of clients ranging from municipalities, associations, telecommunications, nonprofits, schools, businesses, coalitions, and other organizations. In addition to providing legislative support, Julia worked with many political campaigns by organizing fundraisers, attending special events, and volunteering on the campaign trail. While at Roetzel, Julia also provided grassroots support to a national coalition focused on federal legislation.

Julia holds a B.A. in Political Science from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During her time at Miami, Julia served as an intern in the District Office of Former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Boehner. In this role, she was exposed to the day-to-day functions of a

Congressional leadership office and responsive to the critical issues impacting constituents of the 8th District in Southwest Ohio

Julia dedicates a significant amount of time to community service. Julia is a mentor with Community Refugee & Immigration Services where she provides friendship and guidance to her mentee. Julia also serves as the Chair of Columbus Young Professionals' ("CYP") philanthropy-driven board, CYP Club Cares. On this board, Julia is responsible for building relationships with various local nonprofits in Columbus in an effort to create group volunteer projects, panel discussions, a volunteer expo, and other nonprofit-focused events for young professionals. Julia represents CYP Club Cares on the steering committee for the annual Young Professional Week, a week-long convening with approximately 4,000 attendees and 40 events.

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