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T.J. Sutcliffe is a Policy Advocate at The Arc, the largest national community-based organization advocating for and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families. In that capacity, Ms. Sutcliffe works with Members of Congress, their staff and coalition partners to support passage of laws that advance the interests of people with disabilities. Ms. Sutcliffe also teaches a masters-level class in policy analysis and advocacy at The Catholic University of America's School of Social Service.

Previously, Ms. Sutcliffe spent 6 years as the Director of Advocacy and Public Policy at The Arc of the District of Columbia where she was responsible for legislative, policy, advocacy, budgetary and educational initiatives to improve the lives of DC residents with I/DD and their families. Ms. Sutcliffe also worked for seven years at So Others Might Eat (SOME) as the coordinator and director of SOME's Advocacy and Social Justice Program. Prior to that, she worked for 4 years in public health research on a variety of projects including HIV/AIDS outreach and prevention, substance abuse treatment, and recovery from cancer. Ms. Sutcliffe has a Masters in Social Work from The Catholic University of America and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology, *cum laude*, from Johns Hopkins University.

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