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Liz Weiss serves as the deputy director of the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute (WAI). There, she leads a team focused on projects dedicated to providing workers with access to high-quality skills and pathways to union jobs with good wages and high-road employers. She oversees the expansion of registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs, with a focus on advanced manufacturing. She fosters partnerships with international and national AFL-CIO union affiliates; state and local labor federations; labor workforce intermediaries; and a wide range of workforce, education, and employer stakeholders. Liz is a member of the Secretary of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship (ACA). Liz has extensive policy experience at both the local and federal levels on apprenticeship and workforce development. Prior to her role at WAI, she worked as committee director of the Washington, D.C. Council's Committee on Labor and Workforce Development. Liz served in the Obama Administration's Department of Labor policy office and for Senator Tom Harkin in the Senate HELP Committee labor office. Liz has also worked for Interfaith Worker Justice, organizing the faith community around low-wage workers' rights, and the Center for American Progress, focusing on women's economic security. Liz began her career at Human Rights Watch, where she joined the newly formed staff union (CWA Local 1180), served as a shop steward, and first developed her passion for workers' rights. She has a master of international affairs degree from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree from The George Washington University.