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## **Lauren Cecil Joins Staff of Tennessee REALTORS® as Governmental Affairs Director (GAD)**

*April 14, 2021* — Tennessee REALTORS® has welcomed Lauren Cecil as a new team member in the role of Governmental Affairs Director (GAD) for the statewide association that represents more than 32,000 REALTOR® members.

Cecil will lead the association's efforts in legislative and regulatory advocacy, working closely with Tennessee state government and the General Assembly, and fostering involvement among REALTOR® members in advocacy and the political process.

Cecil most recently served as Manager of Government Affairs & Outreach for the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. She previously held roles in the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasurer's office, as a legislative assistant with State Sen. Doug Overby, in the Tennessee Secretary of State's office, and as an intern for U.S. Sen. Bob Corker.

A native of Knoxville, Cecil is a graduate of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (Political Science) and Tennessee State University (Master of Public Administration).

"We are thrilled to welcome Lauren and the skills she brings to our staff team in the vital area of advocacy," said Angela Shields, Chief Executive Officer. "It's so important to be sure the REALTOR® voice is heard in the halls of government when decisions are made that affect private-property owners, buyers, sellers and Tennessee communities."

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