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Krista Leben serves as Manager of Government Affairs for the Railway Association of Canada, which represents over 50 freight and passenger railway companies in Canada. Krista started her career in the industry in 2015 while working for Canadian National Rail's Public and Government Affairs team where she assisted with the company's federal and provincial government relations efforts. After gaining Canadian political experience at the federal level while working for a Member of Parliament, Krista returned to the industry in 2017 to serve in her current capacity where she helps advocate on behalf of Canada's railway industry with key elected officials. Krista also assists with regulatory affairs, where she helps draft rules and regulations for the industry.

Born and raised in the U.S., Krista also has American political experience, which includes time spent as an assistant to the Mayor of Denver, and at the state and local level for the Democratic Party. She also has extensive event management experience after serving in progressively responsible roles as an event assistant and manager in the public and private sectors.

Krista holds a Masters of Political Management from Carleton University (Canada), along with a Masters of International Relations from the University of Manchester (UK), and a Bachelors of Political Science from Kansas State University.