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R.J. Layher grew up on his family's fifth generation farm in Southeast Michigan. Layher graduated from Hillsdale College, where he also played football, in 2010 with a degree in Political Economy. Prior to joining the Farm Bureau team in April 2022, Layher worked in the office of Timothy V. Johnson (R-IL-Ret.) during the 2012 Farm Bill, was Director of Health & Regulatory Affairs for the American Horse Council, a Legislative Assistant for Rep. Mike Bost (R-IL) during the 2018 Farm Bill, served in the Trump Administration at USDA as a Policy Advisor to Martin Barbre, Administrator of the Risk Management Agency, and most recently was a Legislative Assistant for Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL).

Layher is working towards completing his Masters of Agribusiness from Kansas State University.

In his free time, Layher enjoys playing golf, traveling, and watching college football and basketball. Layher and his wife, Rachel, and daughter reside in Washington, D.C.