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Ms. Kilcrease previously served as a Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, overseeing the development, negotiation, and coordination of U.S. foreign investment policy. She served as the senior career staffer leading USTR's work on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) and coordinated USTR's policy engagement on related national security and economic tools, including export controls and supply chain risk management. She played a lead role in drafting CFIUS reform regulations, with a focus on transactions involving critical technology and sensitive personal data. She was involved in the negotiation and enforcement of the Phase One Agreement with China, trilateral work with the EU and Japan to counter unfair Chinese trade practices, and the initial negotiations for an FTA with the United Kingdom.

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