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Josh Hodges serves as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Mr. Hodges brings considerable congressional, strategic communications, and policy expertise to the Bureau and has held senior positions in Congress, at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration, and served at the National Security Council in the White House. Prior to his current position, Mr. Hodges was a policy Director in the National Security Council's (NSC) Strategic Communications and the Western Hemisphere Affairs Directorates.

While at the NSC, Mr. Hodges also served as the Deputy Senior Director for Information Statecraft and as Director for Strategic Communications, where he advised on strategy to counter foreign influence against the United States and international partners, and was the lead for developing White House and U.S. government communications and messaging on a wide range of national security issues. He focused on the President's key priorities in the Western Hemisphere and efforts to confront external actors' malign activities in the region. He first joined the Trump Administration as Director of Congressional Affairs at the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

Mr. Hodges has extensive congressional experience in various capacities. He served as National Security Policy Advisor on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the Small Business Committee, the Senate Banking Committee, and served as a Military Legislative Assistant designee to the Senate Armed Services Committee, as well as Legislative Director in the House of Representatives.

Prior to his work in the public sector, Mr. Hodges worked with community development organizations working within rural communities to raise awareness, improve infrastructure and establish programs aimed at eradicating poverty in Mexico. In the private sector, Mr. Hodges has held several management roles for a variety of small businesses.

Mr. Hodges holds a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies with an area of focus on Information Operations from the Naval War College, and a B.A. in International Studies from Louisiana State University. He is fluent in Spanish and lived in Mexico.