

# FRANK J. MRVAN



Hammond  
Gary  
Portage



## PERSONAL BACKGROUND

### AGE

51 (4/16/69)

### RELIGION

Catholic

### RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

### FAMILY

Married, two children

### GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

### ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Journalism,  
Ball State University

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## KEY HEALTH LINK

Mrvan established the “No More Secrets” campaign to reach and rescue abused children after learning that Indiana has the second-highest rate of forced sexual intercourse among high school girls in the U.S. His wife, Jane Mrvan, has also discussed that she is a survivor of child molestation. They ultimately succeeded getting a law passed to mandate at least one hour of school curriculum annual be related to child sexual abuse prevention.

## POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

### GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Township Trustee in North Township, Indiana,  
2005-2021

### INCUMBENT REPLACED

Pete Visclosky (D), retired

### 2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Mrvan won the Democratic primary for Indiana’s 1st Congressional District in a field of 14 candidates. He took on Republican Mark Leyva in the general election to succeed retiring Democratic Congressman Pete Visclosky.

### MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Township Trustee in North Township, Indiana

### BIOGRAPHY

Mrvan worked as a licensed mortgage broker and pharmaceutical sales representative prior to beginning his government service. Mrvan was first appointed Township Trustee in 2005 following his predecessor’s resignation. He has served in this role since and will continue until January 3, 2021.

## ON THE ISSUES



### COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As Township Trustee, Mrvan has worked to “[promote] blood drives, [deliver] food to seniors and our health care workers, and [coordinate] emergency response capabilities through the Northwest Indiana Information Sharing and Security Alliance.” Mrvan has stated that working on additional COVID-19 legislation will likely be one of the biggest issues early in his tenure in Congress.



### HEALTH COVERAGE

Mrvan supports the ACA public option/universal coverage and he says one of his main priorities will be to “improve access to affordable health care options.”



### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Mrvan has stated that, as a member of Congress, he will “champion solutions to lower the cost of prescription drugs.”



### MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

“In the spring of 2020, Mrvan worked as Township Trustee to create a mental health wellness hotline to connect residents and first responders with volunteer mental health service providers for free. Improved and expanded mental health services both for the community and first responders are at the heart of his approach to policing policy,” according to Mrvan spokespeople.

Since the summer of 2018, Mrvan has worked with an Opioid Working Group, consisting of representatives from the law enforcement community, community organizations and churches, to combat the opioid epidemic in Northwest Indiana. In addition, Mrvan has worked with local law enforcement agencies to host Narcan training exercises.



### VETERANS HEALTH CARE

As Township Trustee, Mrvan worked to “assist Veterans and their families with legal issues, financial literacy, substance abuse, housing and educational opportunities.” In a letter to Pelosi after winning the election, Mrvan requested a seat on the Veterans’ Affairs Committee.



### WOMEN'S HEALTH

Mrvan voted against a contentious bill at the state level that was dubbed by pro-choice advocates as “the strictest abortion law in the nation.”



### MARIJUANA

No information available



### OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Mrvan has requested a seat on the Appropriations Committee, the Veterans’ Committee and/or the Energy and Commerce Committee. Mrvan is a believer in value-based care, saying, “You’ve got to be able to transition into a system of health that goes, instead of volume, to value-based preventative medicine.”

## DID YOU KNOW?

Mrvan’s father, Frank Mrvan Jr., has served for over 37 years in the Indiana State Senate.