



C U R A Health Policy *PROFILES*

A Guide to the Freshman Members
of the 117th Congress

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ABOUT

ABOUT HEALTH POLICY PROFILES™

Health Policy Profiles is a resource to introduce the public to the new members of the 117th Congress and their positions, passions and personal background related to health care. The information is available through this PDF and digitally, thanks to SparkInfluence. Health Policy Profiles is the latest addition in CURA's [Art of Advocacy™](#) suite of advocacy tools.

ABOUT CURA STRATEGIES

CURA Strategies is a bipartisan, integrated strategic communications and public affairs agency focused on one thing: transforming health care. Our name, CURA—Latin for care, concern and attention to others—exemplifies our mission to take exceptional care of our clients so they can transform the health care system and improve lives. Our agency has earned distinction for our successful integrated advocacy campaigns that combine strategic communications with government relations. Visit [our website](#) and follow us on social media to learn more.

ABOUT THE COVER

In 2017, CURA commissioned [artist Susan Morrell](#) to create “CURAgeous,” an original painting that brings to life our spirit of CURAge through art. We define CURAge as bold leadership to improve society and help others. Whereas courage is self-focused and individual, CURAge is others-focused and team-centered. It's from that spirit and the creative approaches and artful nuances necessary to achieve advocacy results that the Art of Advocacy brand was born. We are thankful to Susie for allowing us to repurpose her work for the cover.

We appreciate you sharing Health Policy Profiles with your network by referencing the website: <http://curastrategies.com>. Please do not forward the full PDF of the report. Access through the website is the only way we can measure the reach of this resource and determine whether we should make this investment next Congress. We also welcome your feedback on the report. Please email any comments or questions to info@curastrategies.com.

WELCOME

Welcome to CURA Strategies' Health Policy Profiles, the essential introduction to the health policy backgrounds and positions of freshman members of the 117th Congress. We created this resource for advocates, journalists, government relations professionals and policymakers who are interested in health care policy. We understand that the more you know about members of Congress, the better you can target your campaigns and the more effectively you can build important relationships.

Our Health Policy Profiles is the latest in our [Art of Advocacy series](#), a collection of tools and resources designed to help individuals and organizations hone their advocacy efforts to achieve measurable results. As an industry leader in bridging government relations and integrated communications, CURA's passion is transforming health care by taking an integrated approach to issue advocacy. Our name, CURA, is Latin for care, concern and attention to others—so when we decided to create this resource, we knew it was too valuable to keep to ourselves and decided to make it widely available to others who share our mission. It is our hope that Health Policy Profiles helps you be more effective in whatever role you play in health care transformation.

We have compiled a profile for each of the incoming freshman members. Accompanying the profiles is our initial analysis on trends, themes and standouts, including "By the Numbers" and "Ten to Watch" sections. We will add additional analysis to our website in the coming weeks. The best way to learn about these updates is to follow CURA Strategies on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

The COVID-19 pandemic has shined a huge spotlight on the good and the bad of our nation's health care system and public health infrastructure. It is our hope that after the promise of the vaccine has been realized, Congress will choose to legislate on issues and lessons learned from the current crisis with renewed bipartisanship. Through our nearly 300 hours of research, three key issues emerged:

TELEHEALTH. Issues typically reach a tipping point in Congress because they are urgent, important and doable. Telehealth, for example, was recognized as important and doable, but not particularly urgent. After spending nearly three decades in rhetorical popularity, it only took COVID two weeks to create the necessary inertia to instigate huge telehealth policy changes. Public and private policymakers were forced to make quick adjustments, even in highly regulated areas such as opioid use disorder. Is the ascension of telehealth as a preferred care model permanent? There is certainly bipartisan support among freshman members for not only making these changes permanent, but also expanding the practice, particularly among members from rural districts and those focused on health equity who believe telehealth can help alleviate issues like transportation concerns and taking time off from work.

MENTAL HEALTH. Freshmen on both sides of the aisle expressed support for improving access to mental health care. As Americans continue to face the devastating mental health impacts of COVID-19, the concurrent opioid crisis and the rising prevalence of suicide, mental health policy has never been more important. Thanks to the great work of the mental health advocacy community—including the nearly 100 mental health and addiction groups who joined our [Mental Health for US campaign](#)—real solutions are

being proposed and debated. Many in the community are hopeful that a new Congress will bring new opportunities for mental health and addiction policies, including in areas like suicide prevention, mental health parity, telehealth expansion, crisis response teams, diversion programs and drug courts.

TRANSPARENCY. Transparency was one buzzword that kept surfacing in our research from both Republicans and Democrats. Some mentioned it in the context of drug pricing transparency and surprise medical bills. It also appeared in the context of hospital and provider transparency and in the context of PBMs and insurance rebates. Republicans often mentioned transparency as a vital component to a functional market in health care. They often praised President Trump's Executive Order on price and quality transparency, which is still being challenged in the courts and could be easily modified or shelved by President Biden. Regardless of the Executive Order's fate, transparency will remain a pressing health policy issue for the incoming Congress and Administration.

We are incredibly proud of every member of the CURA team who played a role in this ambitious project. We are especially thankful for our research team, Andrew Wishon and Patrick Meade, as well as the design team led by Kellsie Brannen and supported by Fatou Drammeh and Talia Wlcek. Additional thanks goes to artist [Susie Morrell](#), who granted us permission to repurpose CURAgeous, the painting we commissioned for our office, as the backdrop for both Health Policy Profiles and the Art of Advocacy. We'd also like to give a special shout-out to our long-time digital grassroots partner Bryan Fratkin and his team at [SparkInfluence](#) for partnering with us on the digital version of [Health Policy Profiles](#).

We encourage you tell others about our Health Policy Profiles rather than share the PDF. By sending individuals to the website, hpp.curastrategies.com, where the resource can be viewed or downloaded, we'll have a better understanding of the resource's true reach, which will inform our decision to do it again next Congress. We also welcome your feedback so we can make the next one even better. We will update the profiles after the committee assignments are announced and the winners from the two Georgia Senate runoff races and the NY-22 race are declared, so keep an eye on the [website](#) for those updates.

Happy reading!



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METHODOLOGY

The team at CURA Strategies undertook this project using a rigorous research methodology that left no stone unturned. Over three months and more than 300 work hours, CURA pored over the records of every competitive congressional candidate to create profiles for every new member of the 117th Congress without previous congressional experience. We did not profile Darrell Issa (R-CA), Pete Sessions (R-TX) or David Valadao (R-CA) who previously served in the House, however they are included in our By-The-Numbers analysis.

CURA pored over the records of every competitive congressional candidate to create profiles for every new member of the 117th Congress. Researchers captured general information such as gender, ethnicity, military service and any personal health information the member-elect made available. We then searched for the key issue areas that form modern health care policy debates, including:

- Insurance coverage (Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid)
- Prescription drug pricing
- COVID-19 relief
- Mental health services
- Opioid & addiction services
- Military & veteran health
- Family planning & women's health
- Marijuana legalization & regulation

CURA used several research resources to inform the profiles, including campaign websites, local news media, national candidate profiles, debate transcripts and issue group questionnaires. CURA also thoroughly researched the candidates with prior government experience to see how their prior votes and sponsorship of bills may influence their congressional priorities.

Each entry in the Health Policy Profiles® underwent a thorough review after each member-elect was confirmed as the winner of their respective election. These reviews cross-referenced each stance and confirmed both the details of every candidate's health care experiences and source links. With added context from the 2020 election, each entry holds a complete picture of where each candidate stands on the issues as the new Congress prepares to begin work in January 2021. We intend to release an updated version of HPP once the committee assignments have been announced which may also include winners from the two Senate runoff races in Georgia and the NY-22 race.

BY THE NUMBERS

CONGRESSIONAL HOUSE AND SENATE MEMBERS-ELECT*

All politics is personal, and nothing is more personal than health care. A member's view of health care policy is informed by their gender, ethnicity and personal and family health history. Their profession, such as service in the military, as a licensed health care professional or working within the health

care industry can also contribute to how they may approach specific health care policy issues. We've indexed some of the largest and most influential categories to make it easy to find members who fit within these segments—and we pulled out a few fun facts for your next Zoom virtual happy hour, too!

MEN: 42 | WOMEN: 29

REPUBLICAN: 50 | DEMOCRAT: 21

CAUCASIAN/WHITE: 51 | NON-WHITE: 21

Biracial Members-elect: 2

- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA): African American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY): African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx

African American/Black Members-elect: 9

- Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-GA)
- Rep. Jamaal Bowman (D-NY)
- Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO)
- Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)
- Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY)
- Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT)
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA)
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
- Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA)

Asian/Pacific Islander Members-elect: 4

- Rep. Kai Kahele (D-HI)
- Rep. Young Kim (R-CA)
- Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA)

Hispanic/Latinx Members-elect: 9

- Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)
- Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)
- Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)
- Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX)
- Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM)
- Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)
- Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
- Rep. David Valadao (R-CA)

Native American Member-elect: 1

Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-NM)

*HPP does not include profiles of Darrell Issa (R-CA), Pete Sessions (R-TX) or David Valadao (R-CA), who previously served in Congress, but they are included in the By The Numbers analysis. We are still awaiting results from NY-22.

IS A BUSINESS FOUNDER/OWNER: **27** | FOUNDED A NONPROFIT: **8**

NO COLLEGE DEGREE: **4** | POSSESSES JD: **9** | WENT TO IVY LEAGUE SCHOOL: **10**

HAS GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: **51** | NO GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: **18**

MILITARY SERVICE: **16**

- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), U.S. Navy
- Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), U.S. Army
- Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA), U.S. Marine Corps
- Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA), U.S. Navy
- Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX), U.S. Air Force
- Rep. Scott Fitzgerald (R-WI), U.S. Army
- Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL), U.S. Navy
- Rep. Tony Gonzales (R-TX), U.S. Navy
- Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), U.S. Army
- Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX), U.S. Navy
- Rep. Kai Kahele (D-HI), Hawaii Air National Guard
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), U.S. Army
- Rep. Peter Meijer (R-MI), U.S. Army
- Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL), U.S. Army National Guard
- Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX), U.S. Army
- Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX), U.S. Air Force

LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL: **7**

- Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS), M.D., practiced as an OB/GYN
- Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO), Registered Nurse
- Rep. Diana Harshbarger (R-TN), Pharmacist
- Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-TX), M.D. in U.S. Navy
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA), M.D., Nurse, practices ophthalmology
- Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA), Volunteer EMT
- Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL), EMT training as a firefighter

OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL/SIGNIFICANT CHARITY CONNECTION: **9**

- Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA), serves on the Los Angeles Leadership Council of the American Diabetes Association
- Rep. Jerry Carl (R-AL), founded and managed several companies that produce and distribute medical equipment, as well as several specialty pharmacies
- Rep. Scott Franklin (R-FL), former CEO and Managing Partner at an insurance company
- Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), CrossFit gym owner
- Rep. Ashley Hinsien (R-IA), medical reporter, March of Dimes board member
- Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI), founded and served as president for a drug court charity
- Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL), served as a health care consultant and managed Doc Berry International, LLC, where he “focused primarily on qualifying regional distributors for clients in the health care industry.”
- Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA), board member for CalOptima
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA), worked for the American Cancer Society
- Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA), former Vice President of Planned Parenthood Southeast

TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19: 8

- Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)
- Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)
- Rep. Ashley Hinson (R-IA)
- Rep. Jake LaTurner (R-KS)
- Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)
- Rep. Blake Moore (R-UT)
- Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX)
- Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)
- Rep. Michelle Steel (R-CA)
- Rep. Ritchie Torres (D-NY)
- Rep. Nikema Williams (D-GA)

CANCER CONNECTIONS: 14

- Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO), father passed away from cancer
- Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), father passed away from lung cancer
- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ), both Kelly and his twin brother are prostate cancer survivors
- Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-MA), Auchincloss's mother is CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
- Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX), Fallon has been a champion of pediatric cancer research and treatments
- Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY), Jones's grandfather passed away from cancer, advocating and fundraising for the cause both personally and professionally
- Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM), breast cancer survivor; Leger Fernandez often wears a butterfly necklace in remembrance of her sister and mother, who both passed away from lung cancer
- Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA), Letlow's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer
- Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL), Moore's sister-in-law has been diagnosed with breast cancer
- Rep. Blake Moore (R-UT), was the area chairman for the American Cancer Society in high school
- Rep. Burgess Owens (R-UT), prostate cancer survivor
- Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-MT), both Rosendale's brother and sister have passed away from cancer
- Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN), Spartz's father was a victim of the Chernobyl nuclear accident's fallout, dying from stage four cancer at age 41
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA), previously worked at the American Cancer Society

10 TO WATCH

MEMBERS-ELECT WHO STAND OUT AS NEW HEALTH CARE VOICES IN CONGRESS

Every member of Congress—no matter how junior they are or on which committees they serve—has the power to influence health care in the U.S. However, our bipartisan research team believes there are a select few who stand out as “Ones to Watch” in the incoming freshman class. These individuals were chosen because they possess a combination of critical qualifications and a willingness to promote reforms in the health care system. The Ones to Watch include members with professional health care experience (either as a provider or in industry) and those previously active in health policy at other levels of government or who have indicated

that systemic health care reforms are a top priority. There are certainly dozens more freshmen who could have made our list, but we forced ourselves to a limit of 10. Two notes on the list: Firstly, inclusion does not equate to endorsement of the members’ policy positions by the CURA team. Inclusion reflects only that these individuals stood out from the class as likely being very vocal on health care and perhaps shortlisted for health-related committee assignments. Second, given the ratio of freshmen Republicans to freshmen Democrats is 3:1, the list presents more members of the GOP who are likely to impact health policy.

Rep. Jack Auchincloss (D-MA)



Public Health is a Family Affair

The Auchincloss family is a health powerhouse. Auchincloss’ mother, Laurie Glimcher, is the first female CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. His father, Hugh Auchincloss, is Dr.

Tony Fauci’s top deputy and his brother Hugh is a thoracic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital,

leading teams in COVID response. His sister, Kalah Auchincloss, served as Deputy Chief of Staff for two FDA Commissioners. As for Auchincloss himself: he served in the Marines until running for office in 2015, when he began his service on the Newton, MA City Council. He strongly supports expanding the ACA with a public option but believes we need to protect private insurance. He favors increased federal support for the life sciences, a major industry in Massachusetts.

Rep. Stephanie Bice (R-OK)



The Health Care Watchdog

Bice served in the Oklahoma Senate for the last six years. She chaired the Finance Committee and served on the Appropriations and Public Safety Committees.

Bice caught the attention of the CURA research team after learning she was awarded Oklahoma’s AARP Legislator of the Year for championing the elderly and being the original

sponsor of a bill that requires informed consent for nursing home patients and their families regarding the use of powerful antipsychotic drugs.

In Congress, Stephanie has stated her priorities will include lowering out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs, ending surprise medical bills and encouraging innovation that can lead to life-saving cures and treatments. Bice believes the ACA should be repealed if pre-existing conditions can be protected. She supports expanding health savings account access, allowing health insurance to be

purchased across state lines and small businesses insurance pools. In the OK Senate, she introduced legislation related to insurance practices, such as ending surprise medical bills and ensuring adequacy of provider networks. She also introduced legislation

in support of senior health, women and infant health and mental health and addiction treatment. For example, Bice was the leading sponsor of a successful bill that requires new mother education about perinatal mental health disorders.

Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO)



The Health Equity Promoter

Bush is a Registered Nurse who has worked in numerous health care settings, including as a charge nurse responsible for critical transplant patients and in a mental health clinic. Health care is at the center of her platform. Bush is a passionate activist on social issues and for health care services for the disadvantaged, particularly people of color.

Bush has experienced homelessness and is raising two children as a single mother. She is an ardent supporter of Medicare for All. She seeks to expand access to maternal health care services for women of all income levels, including access to contraception, STI testing and abortion services. Additional priorities include access to preventive medicine, investing in medical research and increasing workforce development funding for HBCUs and MSIs to train Black medical professionals at all levels. Two of the largest Catholic nonprofit health systems are in her Missouri district: Ascension Health and SSM Health.

Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)



I ❤️ INSURANCE

Garbarino spent seven years in the New York State Assembly and has extensive experience on both the Insurance and Health Committees, serving as chairman of the Insurance Committee. Some of the creative approaches he pursued for Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance may have been informed by his executive committee participation with the National Council of Insurance Legislators, a pro-state regulation group of legislators.

He has been active in many different health and disease areas. Notably, he championed diversion programs and crisis response teams in mental health, advocated for improved mental health treatment for Veterans and strived to increase access to treatment for people living with opioid use disorder. He has championed the rights of and care for senior citizens, including investigating New York's diversion of COVID-19 patients into nursing homes and ensuring nursing home residents have access to healthy loved ones during the crisis.

Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-NM)



Calls on the Midwives

A four-term state legislator, Herrell will become the first Republican Native American woman in Congress. She served on the Health, Welfare and Indian Affairs Committee in the New Mexico House. Herrells tood out to the CURA research team because of her active support of midwifery and school nursing. Herrell is pro-life, with an exception

for protecting the life of the mother, and introduced various anti-abortion bills. She authored a law to provide malpractice insurance premium assistance for certified nurse-midwives or physicians whose insurance costs jeopardize their ability to continue their obstetrics practices in New Mexico. She also co-authored a bill to extend the rights of lay midwives to administer a limited formulary of drugs and devices. The later bill passed both chambers but was pocket vetoed by the governor.

Beyond these issues, Herrell supports repealing

and replacing the ACA with market-based reforms that protect choice. She wants to expand access to mental health professionals for all with a particular focus on improving Veterans' health care. Herrell

supports expanding rural health care, including building medical infrastructure in rural areas and incentivizing medical professionals to practice in rural areas.

Rep. Kai Kahele (D-HI)



Veteran Defender of Veterans Mental Health

Kahele served as a Hawaii state senator for four years. Among other assignments, he served on the Ways and Means Committee and as the Senate Majority Floor Leader.

A military pilot who flew over 100 missions, Kahele served in the Reserves while in the state senate. In May 2020, Kahele joined the Hawaii National Guard's COVID-19 Joint Task Force in an active-duty capacity.

Kahele has vowed to make military health, specifically military suicide prevention, his top priority and has been an avid proponent of mental health and addiction treatment. As a state senator, Kahele sponsored legislation to ensure mental health parity and expand access to mental health resources for Hawaiian youth, mothers and inmates. He also sponsored legislation that would allow pharmacists to prescribe opioid addiction treatments. Additionally, Kahele sponsored legislation to include Native Hawaiian cultural intervention in treatment programs for those living with opioid use disorder. Drug pricing is also a priority for Kahele; while in the state senate, he authored numerous bills unfavorable to the PBM industry.

Sen. Ben Ray Luján (D-NM)



The Health Care Innovation Champion

Luján served in the U.S. House for eleven years, including a stint as the Assistant Speaker of the House and a member of the powerful Energy and Commerce Committee. He was

the highest-ranking House member to cosponsor Medicare for All and authored legislation that would allow Americans to buy into Medicaid. A mental health advocate, Luján authored the Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act, which allocated \$1.1 billion to fight the opioid epidemic.

Luján has been a health innovation champion. He introduced ECHO, which establishes a federal grant

program to increase health care access in rural and underserved areas through telemonitoring technology, and several bills in support of diagnostic quality, safety and innovation. He was actively engaged in developing the 21st Century Cures Act. Additionally, Luján received the American Society of Clinical Oncology Congressional Leadership Award in 2019 after he co-introduced the CLINICAL TREATMENT Act, which would have required state Medicaid programs to cover routine patient costs related to clinical trial participation for cancer or other life-threatening conditions. He has been a champion for reducing health disparities, particularly among Hispanic and Native American populations. With his addition to the Senate, there are now five Senators with Hispanic heritage: three Democrats and two Republicans.

Rep. Nancy Mace (R-SC)



Bipartisan Sensibility

As the first female graduate of The Citadel, Mace stands out as a trailblazer. She is motivated by individual liberties and economic growth and is adamantly in favor of repealing

the ACA by "any means possible." Although her ACA position is rigid, Mace is more nuanced in her positioning on other issues. For example, while Mace championed removing state approval for health care facilities and removing restrictions on licensed medical professionals, she also seeks more accountability in the pharmaceutical supply chain.

Mace sponsored various health care and women's health-related bills. She gained visibility for being pro-life while actively supporting an amendment to the Fetal Heartbeat Bill to include exceptions for health of the mother and in cases of rape and incest. During the debate in the state house, Mace revealed

that she is a survivor of sexual assault. She also sponsored legislation in support of the mental and physical health of incarcerated females and abused women and wants improvements to Veteran health care. A frequent blood donor, Mace donated her plasma after recovering from COVID-19.

Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)



The Triple Threat: GOP, Latnix, Woman

For the nine years she was in the New York state legislature, Malliotakis was active in health care policy. She was a member of the Women's Caucus, served as Minority Whip

and sat on the Aging and Ways & Means Committees. She has been active during COVID-19, giving away face masks to citizens and voicing criticism of her mayor's oversight of nursing homes. She supports efforts to reform and strengthen the health care system but does not overtly support a repeal of the ACA.

Malliotakis's record on supporting mental health and opioid addiction treatment stood out. She is a proponent of Kendra's Law, which allows judges to confine a patient to a psychiatric facility for up to 72 hours if they are deemed to be a threat to others or themselves. She also proposes additional supportive housing for those living with mental illnesses. Malliotakis opposed supervised injection sites in New York but supported opioid abuse prevention legislation that mandated drug take-back programs, expanded treatment facilities (including assisted outpatient treatment programs) and implemented continuing education for all controlled substance prescribers. Plus, she is a dog lover, so she deserves a call out.

Sen. Roger Marshall (R-KS)



Another Doctor in the Senate

Marshall joins Sens. Barrasso, Paul and Cassidy as physicians serving in the Senate. Marshall is an OB/GYN, having delivered over 5,000 babies in his career. He served as chairman of the Board of Great

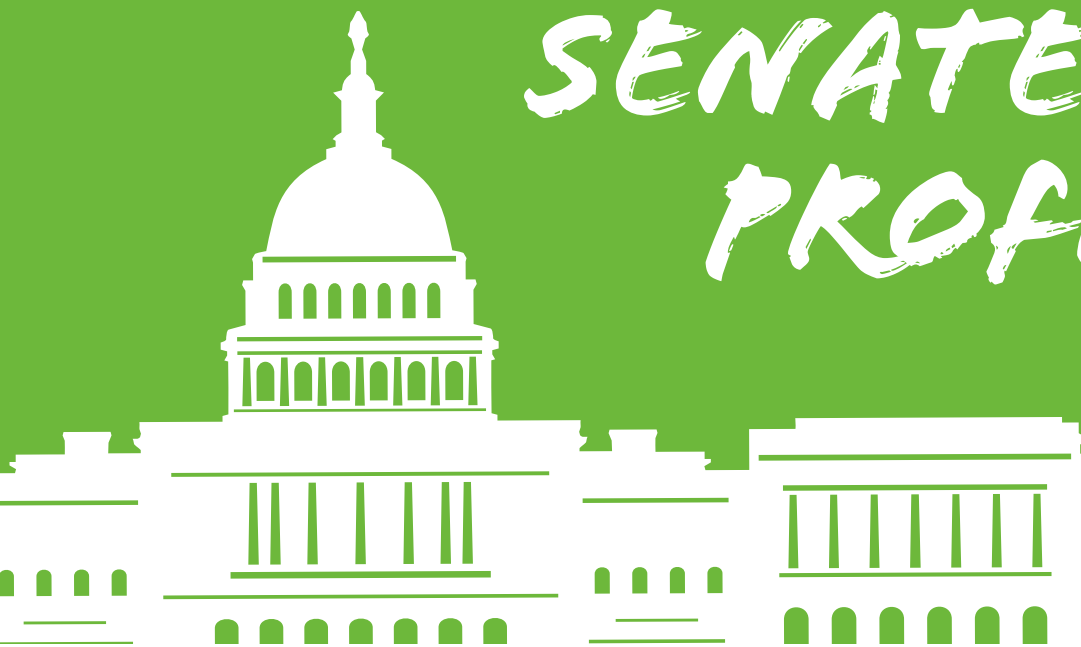
Bend Regional Hospital, a full-service, physician-owned medical system. During his two terms in the U.S. House, Marshall served as chairman of the Republican Study Committee's health care task force and remains active in the bicameral GOP Doctors Caucus.

Marshall believes the ACA should be repealed and replaced and is staunchly supportive of market-based health care. On January 28, 2020, he became

the first member of Congress to substantively speak about COVID-19 concerns and has been pushing for aggressive public health intervention since then, including increasing CDC funding. Known for his strict conservative family values, Marshall received the "True Blue" award from the Family Research Council for his 100% voting record on pro-life legislation. He has supported increased funding for mental health and addiction treatment, particularly in rural communities. Marshall has advocated for eliminating rebates for PBMs in Medicare drug purchasing and was an original co-sponsor of the Lower Costs, More Cures Act to lower drug prices through innovation and price transparency. He is also authored a successful resolution supporting the United States' commitment to global progress against maternal and child malnutrition. With the addition of Marshall, all four doctors in the U.S. Senate are Republican.



SENATE PROFILES



TOMMY TUBERVILLE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE
66 (9/18/54)

RACE/ETHNICITY
Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION
Man

 **@TTUBERVILLE**

RELIGION
Church of Christ

FAMILY
Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
B.S. in Physical Education,
Southern Arkansas University

KEY HEALTH LINK

Tuberville's mother, who died in 2016, had Alzheimer's disease.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED
Doug Jones (D), defeated

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT
In a seven-candidate Republican primary in March 2020, Tuberville advanced to a runoff with former Attorney General and former Senator Jeff Sessions. Tuberville defeated Sessions in the July runoff for the Republican nomination with 60.7% of the vote.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION
Head Coach, Football,
University of Cincinnati Bearcats

BIOGRAPHY
Tuberville played college football and spent most of his career as a college football coach. Tuberville coached for the University of Mississippi, Auburn University, Texas Tech University and University of Cincinnati. He also served as the President of the American Football Coaches Association and spent time as an ESPN analyst. In August 2018, Tuberville moved from Florida to Alabama with the intent of running for the U.S. Senate, announcing his campaign in April 2019. This was Tuberville's first run for office.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Tuberville opposed a statewide mask mandate in Alabama in July 2020, but expressed support for individuals wearing masks if they choose.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Tuberville supports a full repeal of the ACA, citing high costs and lower quality care, and endorses a free market approach to health care services. As a senator, Tuberville seeks to protect those with pre-existing conditions who need insurance. Tuberville opposes cuts to Medicare and Medicaid.



MARIJUANA

From a February 2020 forum for Alabama Senate Republican primary candidates: "They're going to have to prove to me that medical marijuana is good. As long as it's medical marijuana, as long as you have to have a prescription. If we ever put marijuana on our streets legally, it's over."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Tuberville says a national mental health plan is needed to address mass shootings around the country. He supports transferring federal funding for mental health care to the states. He also supports government-sponsored education on opioids and addiction, and suggests that the government should restrict the overprescribing of medications by doctors.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Tuberville supports PBM reforms that increase transparency, especially in Medicare Part D for generic drugs. He also supports reducing regulatory barriers that prevent companies from acting as their own PBMs.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Inspired by his father, a WWII Veteran and Purple Heart recipient, Tuberville seeks to provide Veterans with "high-quality care... and ensure that those who need it get the psychological care and attention they need to deal with the issues they face being back home." Tuberville has been critical of low-quality care and wait times at the VA.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Tuberville is pro-life, saying that, "Future generations may very well look back at the current wave of infanticide sweeping across our nation as this generation's holocaust." Tuberville vocally supported the Human Life Protection Act, which bans the practice of abortion with few exceptions in the state of Alabama. Tuberville has said he would vote to confirm judges who would overturn *Roe v. Wade*.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No additional notable information found

DID YOU KNOW?

As the head coach at Auburn University, Tuberville received four national college football coach of the year awards after leading the Tigers to an undefeated 13-0 record and a victory in the Sugar Bowl.

MARK
KELLY



Phoenix
Tucson
Mesa



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

56 (2/21/64)

FAMILY

Married, two children

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Marine Engineering and Nautical Science, United States Merchant Marine Academy; M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

MILITARY SERVICE

Kelly served in the U.S. Navy as a pilot beginning in 1987. He was deployed to the Persian Gulf twice, flying 39 combat missions in Operation Desert Storm. Kelly achieved the rank of Captain. Kelly was a NASA astronaut from 1996 to 2011, participating in four spaceflight missions, two as commander. Kelly has earned a number of military awards and decorations.

@CAPTMARKKELLY

KEY HEALTH LINK

Kelly is a prostate cancer survivor.

RELIGION

N/A (His wife is Jewish and he was married by a rabbi. He has made statements that he had not been particularly religious prior, but began praying and reflecting on his faith following an assassination attempt on his wife.)

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Martha McSally (R), defeated

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Kelly was elected to serve the remainder of former Senator John McCain's term that began in 2016. Former Senator Martha McSally was appointed to this seat shortly after her loss in the 2018 Arizona Senate election, which was won by Democratic Senator Kyrsten Sinema. Prior to McSally, this seat was filled by former Senator Jon Kyl. Kelly will be up for reelection in 2022.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Captain, U.S. Navy/NASA

BIOGRAPHY

Kelly had a distinguished military career and served as a NASA astronaut. Kelly is married to former U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords. In 2011, Giffords was shot during an assassination attempt at an event with constituents outside of Tucson, Arizona. In 2013, Kelly and Giffords created Americans for Responsible Solutions, a political action committee dedicated to promoting solutions to gun violence. In February 2019, Kelly announced his candidacy for the 2020 U.S. Senate special election in Arizona.

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In August 2020, Kelly said that, “We have consistently... been a step behind. And I think it’s a crisis of leadership, and we’ve got to do better. At the same time, we’ve got to think of a path to get people back to work, but we’ve got to do it safely and responsibly.” He has expressed frustration with the wearing of masks becoming political, saying that, “It shouldn’t be... I think we need better leadership on this issue.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Kelly supports the ACA public option and universal coverage.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In his position as a gun safety advocate, Kelly repeatedly made statements noting the importance of mental health screening as part of the background check process when purchasing or transferring firearms. Kelly supports “cracking down on bad actors responsible for the opioid epidemic.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Kelly has stated that in the Senate he will “tak[e] on the pharmaceutical industry to lower the cost of prescription drug costs.”



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Kelly believes that, “There needs to be an increased culture of accountability at the VA: a focus on each individual Veteran, not the paperwork.” He has also said that, “Veterans services [should] work for our changing Veteran population. That includes aging and injured Veterans who need prompt, quality health care, and young Veterans who need mental health care.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Kelly is pro-choice and has affirmed his support for the ruling in Roe v. Wade. In his campaign, he stated that, “Everyone in this country deserves a decent paid family leave policy.” He has

been endorsed by both NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Kelly has stated that, as senator, he will oppose efforts that make it harder to access “critical programs like CHIP and WIC.”

DID YOU KNOW?

At Kelly’s wedding to then-Rep. Giffords, former Labor Secretary Robert Reich toasted the couple, saying, “To a bride who moves at a velocity that exceeds that of anyone else in Washington, and a groom who moves at a velocity that exceeds 17,000 miles per hour.”

Mark’s identical twin brother, Scott Kelly, also served with NASA as an astronaut, making the Kelly twins the only pair of siblings to have both spent time in space.

ALEX PADILLA



Los Angeles
San Diego
San Jose



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

47 (3/22/73)

RELIGION

Catholic

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering,
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology

 @ALEXPADILLA4CA

KEY HEALTH LINK

Padilla has served on the Los Angeles Leadership Council of the American Diabetes Association for more than 15 years. Padilla's service is inspired by his mother's struggles with diabetes.

Sen. Padilla's wife, Angela Padilla, is a mental health advocate and founder of FundaMental Change (see mental health section).

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Secretary of State of California, 2015-2021
- Member of the California State Senate (20th district), 2006-2014
- Member of the Los Angeles City Council, 1999-2006

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Secretary of State of California

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Cory Gardner (R), defeated

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

On December 22, 2020, Padilla was selected by California Governor Gavin Newsom to replace Sen. Kamala Harris, who was elected as Vice President-elect of the United States beginning in January 2021. Padilla is the first Hispanic senator from California and the first male senator to represent the state since 1993. During the nomination process, Padilla received prominent support from his former boss, Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

BIOGRAPHY

First elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 1999, Padilla was the first Latino and the youngest person elected president of the Los Angeles City Council. As a state senator, he was voted one of California's "Most Effective Legislators" by Around the Capitol in 2013. Padilla is often noted for his commitment to bipartisanship and passion for the expansion of voting access.

Padilla is a former member of the governing board of MIT and the former President of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO). Padilla is a former assistant of Sen. Dianne Feinstein and served as a campaign manager for several California assemblymen, including now-Rep. Tony Cárdenas.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Padilla has stated that COVID-19 response and relief will continue to be a priority of his tenure in the Senate, especially vaccine distribution in the first few months of 2021.



HEALTH COVERAGE

According to his website, Padilla supports “universal health care” and an expansion of access to health care services. As state senator, Padilla abstained from a vote to establish a single payer health care system in 2012 (SB810).



MARIJUANA

As secretary of state after California’s 2016 vote to legalize recreational marijuana, Padilla helped implement legalization by licensing cannabis businesses and creating an online portal to help migrate the state’s legacy medical cannabis companies into the new regulation area. To promote that service, Padilla appeared in a public service announcement with comedian Cheech Marin.

As state senator, Padilla voted to support employment protections for medical cannabis patients and opposed DEA raids on cannabis companies.

Padilla has expressed support for the federal MORE Act.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In the summer of 2020, Padilla expressed support for a bill to improve parity for mental health services in California. Padilla also supported the development of a three-digit hotline for mental health support at the federal level.

Sen. Padilla’s wife, Angela Padilla, is a mental health advocate and founder of FundaMental Change, an organization committed to eliminating the stigma associated with mental health conditions and improving access to quality care and resources for families impacted by a mental illness. Angela was inspired to start FundaMental Change after her experience as a caretaker for her mother, who was diagnosed with Bipolar I with schizoaffective disorder when Angela was a child. Sen. Padilla was honored by the organization as a champion of change at a gala in 2019.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Padilla is “100% pro-choice” and opposes efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade. He also opposed proposed cuts of federal funding to Planned Parenthood in 2019. As state senator, Padilla authored SB1770, a bill to bolster “the investigation and reporting of cases involving anti-reproductive rights crimes.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

To address obesity and diabetes, Padilla authored the law that made California the first state in the nation to require chain restaurants to post calorie information directly on menus and menu boards. This practice was later implemented nationwide in the Affordable Care Act. Padilla has served on the Los Angeles Leadership Council of the American Diabetes Association for more than 15 years.

As state senator, Padilla authored the California Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, legislation protecting residents from discrimination based on genetic information.

Padilla authored California’s first smoke-free housing law and fought to increase enforcement and penalties for the illegal sale of tobacco to minors. He also established a sustainable funding source for pediatric trauma care throughout the state.

DID YOU KNOW?

Padilla’s parents, Santos and Lupe, both emigrated from Mexico before meeting and marrying in Los Angeles. He earned his varsity letter on the baseball team as a senior at San Fernando High School; Padilla was a pitcher known for his change-up.

JOHN HICKENLOOPER



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

57 (2/7/52)

RELIGION

Quaker (formerly)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, one child

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in English, Wesleyan University;
M.S. in Geology, Wesleyan University



KEY HEALTH LINK

Hickenlooper lives with prosopagnosia, commonly known as "face blindness." He also lives with dyslexia.

Hickenlooper's father died of cancer.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Governor of Colorado, 2011-2019
- Mayor of Denver, 2003-2011

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Cory Gardner (R), defeated

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

After announcing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in Colorado, Hickenlooper faced off against Andrew Romanoff, the former Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, in the Democratic primary. After winning the primary election, Hickenlooper went on to challenge incumbent Republican Senator Cory Gardner in his first reelection campaign.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Governor of Colorado

BIOGRAPHY

Hickenlooper started his career as a geologist and founded a brewpub in Denver after being laid off in 1986. He was elected mayor of Denver in 2003. He served as mayor until 2011, when he resigned shortly before being inaugurated as governor of Colorado. He served as governor until 2019, and served as chair of the National Governors Association from 2014 to 2015. In 2019, Hickenlooper announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president in the 2020 election. He suspended his campaign in August 2019, and announced his senate candidacy shortly thereafter.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hickenlooper supports efforts to curb the pandemic, including “testing, contact tracing, social distancing, wearing masks, and providing PPE to first responders and essential workers.” He also intends to “shore up our long-term preparedness by supporting pandemic research efforts, global health funding, and engagement with international bodies such as the World Health Organization.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Hickenlooper supports the ACA public option and endorses universal coverage.



MARIJUANA

Hickenlooper did not support Colorado Amendment 64 in 2012, which passed with over 55% of the vote and legalized recreational marijuana use for adults in Colorado. Despite his lack of support for the amendment, he carried out the will of the voters by signing the legalization of marijuana. As governor, he signed into law bills that would assist farmers in cannabis production, allow marijuana businesses to work with banks in Colorado, and create testing infrastructure for cannabis products. He has since stated that his worst fears regarding legalization “have not come to pass.” In his run for president, Hickenlooper stated that he would sign legislation to federally decriminalize marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

“As Senator, Hickenlooper intends to work to expand access to mental health services. Specifically, he has committed to funding Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, supporting community-led efforts to end the stigma associated with seeking help, and investing in telehealth for counseling.

Hickenlooper supports expanding resources available to those struggling with opioid addiction. As governor in 2013, he signed a bill requiring substance misuse treatment to be included in individual and group coverage plans. In the Senate, he intends to scale up Colorado’s best practices, such as improved access to naloxone treatment, research into alternative pain management therapies, supporting medication-assisted treatment (MAT), and updating prescribing guidelines.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As senator, Hickenlooper intends to work to reduce prescription drug costs by “allowing Medicare to negotiate prices directly with drug companies; permitting the importation of safe medicine from Canada; requiring more transparency in drug pricing and curtailing significant increases in the price of both generic and specialty drugs; and investigating potential anti-competitive practices in the pharmaceutical industry.”



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

As senator, Hickenlooper intends to “be an advocate for our nation’s Veterans, working to ensure we provide programmatic support commensurate with their sacrifice.”



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Hickenlooper is pro-choice. As senator, he pledges to “protect the right to choose, fully fund critical government programs for reproductive health such as Title X, and work to reduce racial disparities across the spectrum of reproductive care.” He has been endorsed by the Planned Parenthood Action Fund as well as NARAL Pro-Choice America.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Hickenlooper supports work to end surprise medical billing, increased federal funding for rural hospitals, improved coverage for Americans with disabilities, increased funding for research institutions such as NIH and the CDC, and improved access to telemedicine. Hickenlooper seeks to support legislation to reduce inequalities in health care by collecting and reporting data, addressing physician shortages and emphasizing cultural competence in care.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hickenlooper’s father was friends with American author Kurt Vonnegut. Hickenlooper’s father died of cancer when his son was 8 years old, but when Hickenlooper met his father’s friend, Vonnegut told the younger man, “Be very careful who you pretend to be, because that’s who you’re going to be.” Hickenlooper appeared in Vonnegut’s 1997 novel, “Timequake.” In a 2004 roast of Hickenlooper when he was mayor of Denver, Vonnegut joked in a video that he was Hickenlooper’s real father.

JON
OSSOFF



Atlanta
Augusta
Columbus



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

33 (2/16/87)

RELIGION

Jewish

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S., Georgetown University's School
of Foreign Service;
M.S., London School of Economics



KEY HEALTH LINK

Ossoff's wife, Alisha
Kramer, works as an
OB/GYN.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office, former staffer for
Representative Hank Johnson

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

CEO, Insight TWI

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Ossoff's race was one of two Senate races in Georgia in 2020, the other being a special election to determine who will serve the rest of the term in the seat former Senator Johnny Isakson, who resigned in 2019. Neither Ossoff nor incumbent Republican David Perdue were able to clear the required 50% threshold during the November 2020 election to avoid a runoff. Ossoff defeated Perdue during the runoff election on January 5, 2021.

POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY

Ossoff began his career as a national security staffer for Representative Hank Johnson of Georgia. After leaving Johnson's staff to pursue a Master's degree at the London School of Economics, Ossoff became managing partner and CEO of Insight TWI, working to investigate and expose corruption around the world. Ossoff first ran for office in a 2017 special election in Georgia's 6th congressional district. His campaign broke the fundraising record at the time, raising \$23 million as a House candidate. Unable to clear 50% in the district's "jungle primary," Ossoff was ultimately defeated by Republican Karen Handel in the runoff election. After announcing his candidacy for Georgia's 2020 U.S. Senate election, Ossoff won the Democratic primary to take on incumbent Republican David Perdue.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

David Perdue (R), defeated in reelection bid

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In an August 2020 interview, Ossoff stated that he would have given an “F” if he was grading the federal government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier in the summer, Ossoff quarantined himself while waiting for results of a COVID test after his wife had tested positive. His results ultimately came back negative.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Ossoff supports the ACA and achieving universal coverage by offering a public option.



MARIJUANA

Ossoff supports the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Ossoff has stated that, in the Senate, he will work to expand access to mental health resources. He has also stated his support for access to these resources being included in a public health insurance option.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Ossoff supports allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs, as well as allowing Americans to purchase lower-cost drugs through Canada.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

During his 2017 special election campaign, Ossoff said that he is “committed to improving the process for Veterans to receive health care.” He added that, while “Veterans can wait four to six months to receive a response to their health care issues from Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals. [he] would like to restructure VA health care to reduce the response time to 12 hours.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Ossoff is pro-choice. He has stated that he believes “women, not the government, should control the private, personal, and complex decisions about their health.” He has also stated that he will only vote for federal judges that pledge to uphold Roe v. Wade. Ossoff’s wife, Alisha Kramer, works as an OB/GYN.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Ossoff intends to work to increase federal funding to build more health clinics and hire more health care workers. His public option plan would “include higher reimbursement rates for rural hospitals because they are vital assets in our communities.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Ossoff’s first campaign in 2017 displayed some of the issues millennial and Gen-Z candidates will face when seeking elected office, including criticisms for having dressed as Star Wars character Han Solo while a student at Georgetown University.

RAPHAEL WARNOCK



Atlanta
Augusta
Columbus



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

51 (7/23/69)

RELIGION

Baptist

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

FAMILY

Separated, two children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @REVERENDWARNOCK

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Psychology, Morehouse College; Master of Divinity, Master of Philosophy, Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary

KEY HEALTH LINK

As a student in high school and college, Warnock acted as a peer counselor, sharing resources with other young people regarding sexual health. When Warnock was serving as pastor of Douglas Memorial Community Church in Baltimore, he engaged his faith community around HIV/AIDS by sharing information with his congregants.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Kelly Loeffler (R), defeated in reelection bid

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Senior Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church

BIOGRAPHY

Warnock was arrested during a protest at the Georgia State Capitol in 2014 while taking part in a sit-in supporting Medicaid expansion as part of the Affordable Care Act. While he considered challenging incumbent Republican Senator Johnny Isakson in the 2016 election, Warnock ultimately decided not to run. From June 2017 to January 2020, Warnock chaired the New Georgia Project, an organization founded by former Georgia State House Minority Leader and 2018 Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia, Stacey Abrams, working to register voters and promote civic engagement and participation.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Warnock announced his candidacy for the special Senate election in January 2020. This was a jungle election, with multiple candidates running from each party, and the two leading vote-getters advancing to a runoff election, assuming no candidate received over 50% of the vote. Warnock received endorsements and support from prominent Democratic leaders such as presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, former Presidents Obama and Carter, as well as the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. In the jungle election, Warnock ran against incumbent Republican Senator Kelly Loeffler. Loeffler had been appointed to the Senate seat to serve the remainder of Senator Johnny Isakson's term, who had chosen to retire in the midst of his term. Loeffler was appointed by Republican Governor Brian Kemp in December 2019, being seated in January 2020. Both Warnock and Loeffler advanced to a runoff election scheduled for January 5, 2021. The other prominent candidates in this race were Democrat Matt Lieberman, the son of former Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman, and Republican Representative Doug Collins.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Warnock has “called for extending benefits and other protections until the pandemic is manageable,” and as a senator intends to, “Listen to the experts to take steps to get the coronavirus under control, including supporting robust testing, contact tracing, and basic preventive safety like the use of face masks.” During the funeral of Rayshard Brooks, a Black man shot in the back by an Atlanta police officer, Warnock “warned his masked audience about the dangers of the coronavirus and how it has ravaged people of color much more than others.” He also discussed what he said was “an equally lethal virus,” what he called “COVID-1619,” referencing the year in which “50 African persons disembarked in Jamestown and were enslaved by the settlers,” and “COVID-1620,” referencing the year in which the pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, during which Native Americans helped the pilgrims through the winter, without the favor being returned in the long term.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Warnock intends to work to “support innovative solutions to expanding affordable health care access, like allowing access to a public option through early Medicare buy-in,” though he “understands how personal decisions of health care can be, which is why he will never support efforts that take private insurance from those that want to keep it.”



MARIJUANA

Warnock supports the decriminalization of marijuana and has received a B rating from NORML. Warnock’s brother, Keith, spent 22 years in prison after being sentenced to life in prison for a non-violent drug related crime in 1997. Keith was released from prison in 2020.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Warnock intends to work to “provide comprehensive access to ... mental health services.” When discussing law enforcement, Warnock has stated, “We also need to invest in resources for other services like better police training and mental health treatment, and first responders for interventions that don’t rely on police interactions.” At an interfaith service in Baltimore, Maryland in 2018, Warnock stated, “For 35 years we’ve had a war on drugs. Now, back then we were dealing with heroin, crack. Now we’re dealing with meth and opioids. It’s interesting to me that now we have a public health emergency. I’m glad we’ve become so enlightened now that the bodies are suburban, rural and white... I’m glad we’re taking this approach. I just want to know – as I think about the war on drugs that did as much devastation to places like Baltimore as the drugs themselves – I just want to know where is

the restorative justice package for the inner cities like Baltimore that have been devastated by 35 years of this so-called war.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Warnock supports solutions to lower the price of prescription drugs, including “allowing the federal government to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies on the prices seniors are charged for life-saving medication.”



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Warnock has stated that as a senator he “will stand up for men and women in the military and not just in their time of service but when they are Veterans,” saying that “the scars Veterans come back with are not just physical but mental,” and that “we need to make sure we take care of those who risk life and limb for our democracy.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Warnock is pro-choice and has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Warnock’s campaign website states that, “Since his time as a teen peer counselor in high school and his work with the Georgia Department of Health during college, Warnock has fought to increase safe and affordable access to contraceptives and achieve reproductive justice for women and families. While working with the State, he also helped author a statewide curriculum for uniform training for Georgia’s teen peer counselors.” As a senator, Warnock intends to work to: “Fight to protect access to quality, affordable reproductive health care; Support the Affordable Care Act’s preventive care protections for access to birth control, cancer screenings, and other life saving care; Push to root out the biases in our health care system that result in deadly inequalities, such as higher maternal mortality rates among Black women; Support judicial nominees that support a woman’s right to choose and uphold Roe v. Wade; and Oppose all partisan attacks defunding health care providers like Planned Parenthood.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Warnock supports the expansion of Medicaid as well as increased support for both rural and urban hospitals.

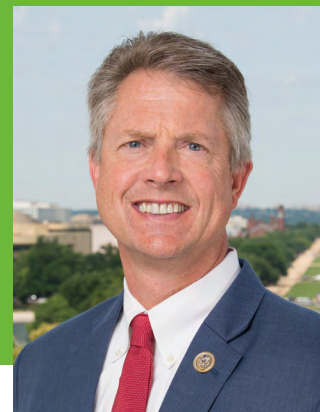
DID YOU KNOW?

Warnock serves as Senior Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the former congregation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Warnock is only the fifth individual to serve in this role since the church’s founding.

ROGER MARSHALL



Wichita
Overland Park
Kansas City



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

60 (8/9/60)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

MILITARY SERVICE

Marshall served seven years in the United States Army Reserve (1984-1991), reaching the rank of Captain.

RELIGION

Christian

FAMILY

Married, four children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Biochemistry, Kansas State University; M.D., University of Kansas



@ROGERMARSHALLMD

KEY HEALTH LINK

Marshall is a medical doctor who has practiced as an OB/GYN for more than 25 years, delivering over 5,000 babies. He served as Chairman of the Board of Great Bend Regional Hospital.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

U.S. Representative (KS-01), 2017-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Pat Roberts (R), retiring

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Marshall gave up his seat in the U.S. House to run in a heated Republican Senate primary against ten other candidates, including ex. Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. President Trump did not endorse any candidate in the primary.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

BIOGRAPHY

Marshall successfully primaryed incumbent Republican Rep. Tim Huelskamp in the 2016 election cycle on a wave of support from Kansas agriculture groups. Marshall was the chairman of Republican Study Committee's health care task force and was one of the members involved in the breaching of the SCIF during a confidential investigative impeachment hearing on October 23, 2019. He served on the Agriculture Committee and the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

DID YOU KNOW?

On January 31, 2018, Marshall was a passenger on a chartered Amtrak train involved a crash near Crozet, Virginia. He administered on-site first aid and CPR to the injured.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Marshall expressed support for the HEALS Act, a COVID-19 relief package introduced in the Senate. He is a proponent of holding China accountable for alleged misrepresentation of the spread and severity of COVID-19. Marshall announced in May 2020 that he was proactively taking the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine to prevent COVID-19.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Marshall wants the ACA repealed and replaced. In the House, Marshall voted in favor of the repeal of the individual mandate, repeal of the Cadillac tax and the repeal of the medical device tax, all of which were signed into law. Marshall supports covering individuals with pre-existing conditions and allowing children to remain on their parents' insurance plans into young adulthood.



MARIJUANA

Marshall is supportive of hemp cultivation, but leans against the legalization of marijuana, wishing for more scientific research to be conducted on the medical benefits of cannabis.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In December 2019, Marshall sent a letter to House and Senate Leadership requesting continued funding for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network to address the lack of mental health support in rural communities. He is a champion of Veteran suicide prevention programs and supports funding for comprehensive treatment, prevention, recovery and rehabilitation programs for opioid addiction.

In a 2017 op-ed, Marshall stated, "Solving this [opioid] crisis begins in the doctor's office. Physicians, nurses and patients must all be willing to understand the potential for addiction when prescribing, administering and taking medications."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

"Marshall has advocated for eliminating rebates for PBMs in Medicare drug purchasing, passing those savings on to seniors in the program. He was supportive of the President's drug pricing Executive Orders in July 2020. Marshall was a co-sponsor of the Lower Costs, More Cures Act to lower drug prices through innovation and price transparency."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Marshall supports the PREVENTS roadmap, which marshals the resources of the federal government to stop the Veteran suicide crisis. Marshall also voted for the VA MISSION Act.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Marshall is staunchly pro-life and opposes all efforts to use taxpayer funding for abortions. In the House, he co-sponsored a bill to defund Planned Parenthood, as well as The Heartbeat Bill. He also sponsored a bill prohibiting Paycheck Protection Program money from going to individuals and entities that provide abortions, with the exception of hospitals and for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest or that endanger the life of the mother.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Marshall opposes Medicaid expansion in the state of Kansas. Marshall says he wants the health care system to rely on the free market rather than government regulations, measuring success on how many people can afford to leave the Medicaid program and enter the private insurance market.

Marshall was the lead sponsor of legislation to streamline and standardize prior authorization requirements in Medicare Advantage plans to reduce paperwork for routinely approved services.

Marshall has made controversial statements on health care and those with low income: "There is a group of people that just don't want health care and aren't going to take care of themselves."

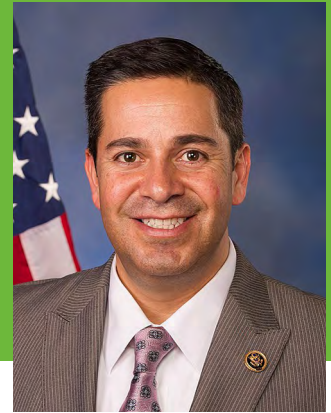
Marshall strongly supported CMS' National Coverage Determination in favor of innovative the new cancer therapy Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T-cell therapies.

Marshall introduced and received approval on a resolution recognizing "the importance of sustained United States leadership to accelerating global progress against maternal and child malnutrition and supporting United States Agency for International Development's commitment to global nutrition through its multi-sectoral nutrition strategy."

BEN RAY LUJÁN



Albuquerque
Las Cruces
Rio Rancho



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

48 (6/7/72)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Catholic

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's in Business Administration,
New Mexico Highlands University



KEY HEALTH LINK

Luján openedly discussed his father's death from lung cancer in his campaign ads.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Member of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (District 3), 2005-2009
- U.S. Representative (NM-03), 2009-2021, Assistant Spkr.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Tom Udall (D), retiring

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Senator Tom Udall chose not to seek reelection, giving Luján an opportunity to run for his seat. All other Democratic challengers dropped out of the race before the primary.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
 - Assistant Speaker of the House

BIOGRAPHY

Luján's first government role was working in the NM Cultural Affairs Department. He first served in elected office as a member of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, where he was also selected to serve as chairman. In 2008, Luján was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from New Mexico's 3rd district, succeeding Tom Udall, who was elected to the U.S. Senate. While in the House, Luján has served in party leadership positions as the Chair of the DCCC from 2015 to 2019 and as the Assistant Speaker of the House from 2019 to 2021. He is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, sitting on the Health Subcommittee, Consumer Protection and Commerce Subcommittee and the Communications and Technology Subcommittee.

DID YOU KNOW?

After graduating high school, Luján worked as a blackjack dealer in casinos before going to college. His father, Ben Luján, Sr., a Democratic state representative, served as speaker of the New Mexico House of Representatives from 2002 to 2012.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Luján has supported COVID-19 relief efforts such as the CARES Act, as well as legislation that would expand childcare options and protect consumers from scams relating to the pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Luján endorses Medicare for All proposals. He supported the ACA while in the House. He has also written legislation that would allow Americans to buy into Medicaid and was the highest ranking member of the U.S. House of Representatives to cosponsor Medicare for All.



MARIJUANA

Luján has voted to prohibit federal crackdowns on medical marijuana and has supported Veterans Affairs providers in states with medical marijuana programs to recommend it as a potential treatment. He is also a cosponsor for the Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement Act, which would remove marijuana from the Controlled Substances Act.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Luján believes that “mental health is physical health” and has worked to pass legislation in the House that would assist Americans struggling with addiction. Luján authored the Opioid and Heroin Abuse Crisis Investment Act, which allocated \$1.1 billion to address the opioid epidemic. He also supported the Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act of 2019 and the Maternal Opioid Treatment, Health, Education, and Recovery Act of 2018.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Luján cosponsored the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2017, which would allow the Secretary of HHS to negotiate covered part D drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries. He has also voted to bring more generics to market to lower prescription drug costs.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Luján supported the Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act, which provided resources to Veterans Affairs to hire additional medical personnel and reduce the backlog of patients.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Luján supports a woman's right to choose, receiving a 100% congressional ranking from NARAL Pro-Choice America, Planned Parenthood Action Fund and the Human Rights Campaign.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Luján was the original sponsor of the CLINICAL TREATMENT Act (Covering Life-saving Investigations Needed in Cancer and Other Life-threatening Conditions through Timely use of Resources for Easy and Affordable Treatment from Medicaid for Enrollees in Need Today Act) which requires state Medicaid programs to cover routine patient costs for items and services that are provided in connection with a qualifying clinical trial regarding cancer or other life-threatening conditions. Luján received the American Society of Clinical Oncology Congressional Leadership Award in 2019.

Luján has supported the expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the Social Security 2100 Act to improve benefits for current and future generations.

Luján was an original member of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus to End the Youth Vaping Epidemic.

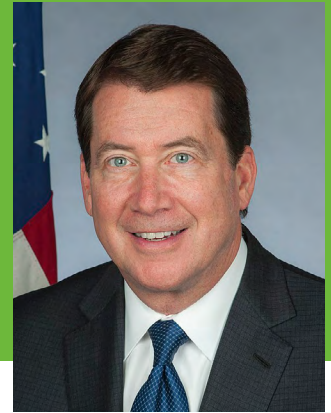
Luján twice introduced The Prevent Interruptions In Physical Therapy Act to allow for physical therapists who are Medicare providers to bill Medicare for services provided by a temporary replacement therapist due to leave such as illness or pregnancy.

Luján introduced the Expanding Capacity for Health Outcomes (ECHO) Act, which establishes a federal grant program to increase access to health care services and enhance health care workforce capacity in rural and underserved areas through telementoring technology.

He introduced the bipartisan Improving Diagnosis in Medicine Act of 2019 to increase researchers' capacity to develop and test solutions to improve diagnostic quality and safety. It also establishes an HHS Interagency Council to identify and coordinate health care research related to reducing diagnostic errors. Finally, it adds diagnosis as new category to the federal database that formally tracks health research funding.

He also introduced several bills related to Native American health and the Cerebral Cavernous Malformations Clinical Awareness, Research, and Education Act of 2019.

BILL HAGERTY



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

61 (8/14/59)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, four children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Economics,
Vanderbilt University;
Juris Doctor (J.D.),
Law/Taxation, Vanderbilt
University Law School

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man



POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Ambassador to Japan, 2017-2019
- Commissioner of Economic and Community Development of Tennessee, 2011-2014
- Fellow, White House Domestic Policy Council, 1991-1993

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Lamar Alexander (R), retiring

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Hagerty received Trump's endorsement after his resignation as Ambassador to Japan. He additionally received support from prominent Republicans such as Nikki Haley, Donald Trump, Jr. and Kimberly Guilfoyle.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

U.S. Ambassador to Japan

BIOGRAPHY

After beginning his career with Boston Consulting Group, including a three-year assignment in Tokyo, Hagerty served as an economic advisor and White House Fellow under President George H. W. Bush. He also served as a national finance chairman for Mitt Romney's 2008 presidential campaign. From 2011 to 2014, Hagerty served in Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam's administration as Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development. During the 2016 Republican presidential primary, Hagerty was initially nominated to serve as a delegate for Jeb Bush. Following the Tennessee primary, he served as Trump Victory Chair for Tennessee. He was selected in August 2016 as director of appointments for Trump's presidential transition team. Hagerty served as U.S. Ambassador to Japan from 2017 to 2019 before resigning to seek the Republican nomination for the Tennessee Senate seat being vacated by Lamar Alexander.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In April 2020, Hagerty was appointed by President Trump as a Thought Leader to the Great American Economic Revival Industry Groups. These groups were created in response to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Hagerty wants the ACA repealed and replaced.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Hagerty believes “that all levels of government must work hand in hand to implement prevention, enforcement, treatment, and recovery programs.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Hagerty intends to work to reduce the costs of prescription drugs, especially for seniors.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Hagerty supports increasing the options Veterans have to seek regular health care outside of the VA system.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Hagerty considers himself pro-life. He opposes taxpayer funding to abortion providers and the funding of Planned Parenthood. He intends to work to improve foster care and adoption programs.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Hagerty is an Eagle Scout and was awarded the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 2017. In addition, he founded and led the Nashville MLS Steering Committee, which succeeded in bringing a Major League Soccer team to the city.

CYNTHIA LUMMIS



Cheyenne
Casper
Laramie



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

66 (9/10/54)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

@CYNTHIAMLUMMIS

RELIGION

Lutheran

FAMILY

Widow, one child

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Animal Science, B.S. in Biology, J.D., University of Wyoming

KEY HEALTH LINK

Lummis' husband died of a heart attack in 2014. She cited Obamacare as contributing to his death, as an ACA insurance glitch resulted in rejected health care claims that contributed to him delaying necessary testing for chest pains.

POLITICAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- U.S. Representative (WY-AL), 2009-2017
- Wyoming State Treasurer, 1999-2007
- Acting Director, Wyoming Office of State Lands & Investments, 1997-1998
- Wyoming State Senate, 1993-1995
- Wyoming House of Representatives, 1979-1983, 1985-1993

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Mike Enzi (R), retiring

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

After her retirement from Congress in 2016, there was speculation that Lummis was considering a run for governor of Wyoming in 2018 and was under consideration to be United States Secretary of the Interior in the Trump administration.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives

BIOGRAPHY

Lummis began serving in the Wyoming House shortly after earning her undergraduate degree. During her tenure in the U.S. House, Lummis served as Chair of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology's Energy Subcommittee. While serving on the Committee on Appropriations, Lummis was known as an "anti-appropriator," often breaking with House leadership and voting against the chairman on amendments and bills related to raising discretionary spending caps.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Lummis praises President Trump's federal pandemic response, noting the travel bans and states-first approach.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Lummis signed the Contract for America and voted to repeal the ACA while a member of the House in 2015. Concerned about the high cost of health insurance, Lummis supports bills that encourage innovation and expand opportunities for cross-state pooling for small businesses, associations and their employees, members and families.



MARIJUANA

Lummis scores B on the NORML index on drug reform, indicating a pro-drug reform stance.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Lummis cosponsored the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2016. She supports increased mental health services as a measure to decrease gun violence.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Lummis supports improving transparency in prescription drug pricing and hopes to address the United States' reliance on China for prescription drugs as a senator.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Lummis is endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List, a pro-life advocacy organization.

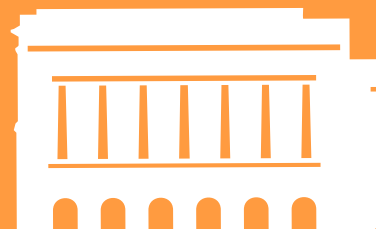


OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

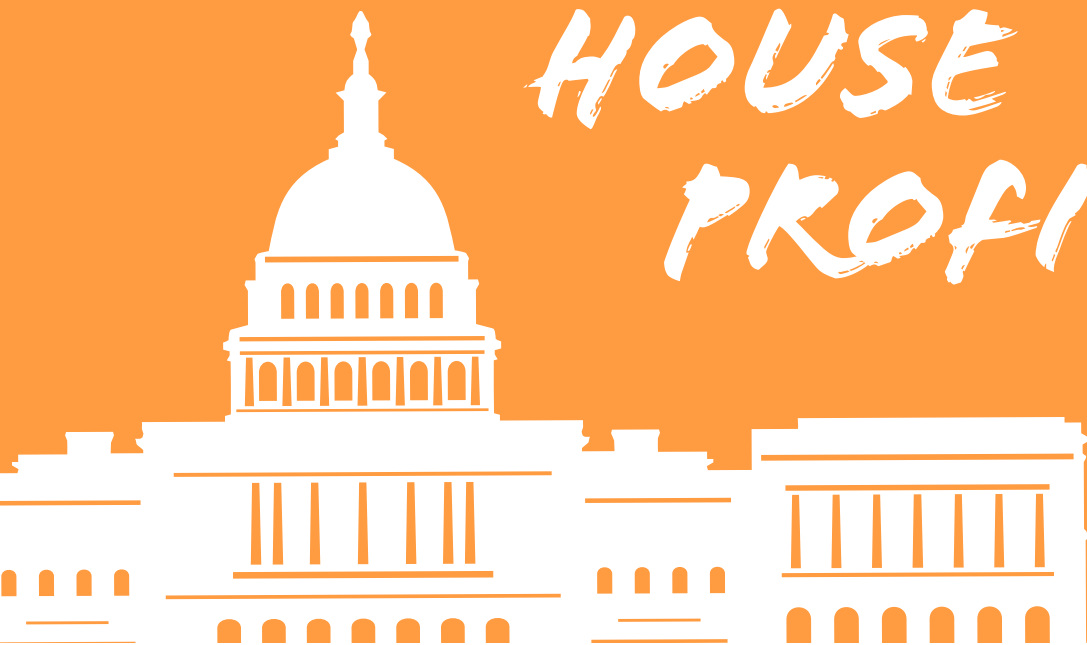
Lummis says the main drivers of national debt are Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, and that the institutions will go broke without reform. Lummis supports innovation and advancements in telehealth.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lummis was inducted into the Cheyenne Frontier Days Hall of Fame in 2016. Lummis' late husband was a Democrat who served in the Wyoming legislature, which is where they met.



HOUSE PROFILES



JERRY
CARL



Mobile
Daphne
Fairhope



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

62 (6/17/58)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

@CARLFORALABAMA

RELIGION

Christian

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

One year at Lake City Community College

KEY HEALTH LINK

Carl started and owns several health care companies where the main payer is Medicare or Medicaid. Several of these companies are producers and distributors of medical equipment, and several are pharmacies. This includes Carl & Assoc., which focuses on home health care equipment and specialty pharmacies; Family Respiratory Service and Bradberry Healthcare, which both focus on home health equipment; and Family Factor / ECM Home Health Company, which is a "specialty care pharmacy offering a full line of factor replacement medications and auxiliary supplies, education, and support for patients with hemophilia and other bleeding disorders."

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Mobile County Commissioner (District 3), 2012-2020

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Carl earned the most votes in the Republican primary election but did not pass the 50% threshold needed to avoid a runoff election. In the runoff, Carl defeated fellow Republican Bill Hightower to win the nomination. Carl faced off against Democrat James Averhart in the general election to succeed retiring incumbent Bradley Byrne, who chose not to seek re-election in order to run for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in Alabama.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Bradley Byrne (R), declined re-election to seek Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in Alabama

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Mobile County Commissioner
- Business owner

BIOGRAPHY

Carl is an entrepreneurial business owner who leads several small companies whose interests range from real estate to timberland and home medical supplies. Carl was first elected to office in 2012 as a Mobile County Commissioner, where he took the seat of president in 2019.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In April 2020, Carl called on Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall to sue China for their mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic. Carl said, "The Chinese government and its top institutions need to be held accountable for the nefarious role they have played in the spread of the coronavirus ... China has not only lied about the origination and spread of the virus, but they have also resorted to silencing whistleblowers and hoarding PPE Because of China's lies, Americans have died."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Carl wants to repeal and replace ACA. He has stated that he will "oppose any efforts that would create a big government, Medicare for All system," and that he "instead supports efforts for a personalized, patient-centered approach that ensures competition, covers pre-existing conditions, and lowers the costs of health care premiums." In addition, Carl has said he intends to work to "allow small-businesses to work together and buy insurance across state lines so they are not hurt by costly state-mandated laws driving up premiums."



MARIJUANA

Carl opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Carl "supports legislation for survivors of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to receive treatment of their choice outside the VA system." In 2018, Carl voted with the other County Commissioners to join a lawsuit against companies that make and distribute opioid pain medications. Carl said, "I own a pharmacy and understand the importance of following federal law Manufacturers and distributors who skirt the law and ignore reporting large, suspicious shipments month after month have created this problem and must be held responsible." As commissioner, Carl worked to help the local jail receive extra funding and support after it saw an influx in inmates with mental illness after local psychiatric hospitals shut down.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

In 2014, Mobile County workers filed a grievance with the commission after complaints about prescription costs. Carl said, "The employees did get upset about it. We addressed most of the issues. I continue to fight on that. I've addressed Blue Cross Blue Shield. We've got some changes made in diabetic drugs that were extremely expensive. We got some minor changes."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Carl has said that as a member of Congress he "will fight to help Veterans navigate the federal bureaucracy of health care and believes we must continue expanding ways for Veterans to receive health care from private doctors," adding that he "supports legislation for survivors of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to receive treatment of their choice outside the VA system."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Carl has said that he is "100% pro-life, and will always fight for life." Carl opposes any funding for Planned Parenthood, "supports promoting adoption services and will seek to remove the barriers which could place children in loving homes."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Carl successfully lobbied for Medicare to cover home asthma treatments after watching Medicare beneficiaries go to the hospital for treatment because the drugs were not covered at home.

DID YOU KNOW?

Carl is a hunter, fisherman, skydiver, scuba diver and airplane pilot.

BARRY MOORE



Dothan
Prattville
Enterprise



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

54 (9/26/66)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

MILITARY SERVICE

Moore was a member of the Army National Guard for six years, achieving the rank of E5 Staff Sergeant. Moore was also a member of the Army Ranger Challenge Team in Auburn's ROTC program.

RELIGION

Baptist

FAMILY

Married, four children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

A.S., Enterprise State Community College; B.S. in Agricultural Science, Auburn University

 @REPBARRYMOORE

KEY HEALTH LINK

A Veteran himself, Moore chaired the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee in the Alabama House of Representatives, where he advocated for quality health care.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Alabama House of Representatives (91st District), 2010-2018

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Martha Roby (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Moore received the second most votes in the Republican primary election but won the runoff defeating Jeff Coleman with over 60% of the vote. Moore ran against Democrat Phyllis Harvey-Hall in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the Alabama House of Representatives
- Business owner, Barry Moore Industries

BIOGRAPHY

Moore leads Barry Moore Industries, a successful waste hauling company founded in 1998. Moore served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 2012 to 2018. During his time in the legislature, Moore served on the Education Policy, Rules and Commerce and Small Business Committees and was chair of the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Moore has made comments downplaying the COVID-19 pandemic, including “you’ve got a 97 percent survival, 98 percent I think it is now if you’re under the age of 70 [...] I think it’s 99.5 percent if you’re under the age of 70. So what’s the big deal about it? It’s nothing. They’re using it to put fear in people.” Moore has also spoken positively regarding the use of hydroxychloroquine.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Moore wants to repeal and replace the ACA.



MARIJUANA

Moore opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Moore wants to fight for improved mental health and suicide prevention assistance to ensure all Veterans have access to viable life-saving preventive medicine and proven treatments.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Moore applauded a Trump executive order that prioritizes American-made drug purchasing and production over foreign companies.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Moore chaired the Military and Veterans’ Affairs Committee in the AL House. Moore has stated, “It is my opinion Congress must establish a partnership with the VA to establish a successful culture of collaboration with the intent of continuing positive and meaningful changes in future service to our deserving Veterans.” He supports the creation of a “Veteran’s Advisory Group to the VA Medical Center’s Directors and their staff members to meet quarterly with Veterans to exchange ideas and concerns to better the quality and timeliness of VA services. The same should take place at the VA Regional Office in Montgomery.”

Moore has stated that his priorities for Veterans health include that all service-connected Veterans should have a choice to have their health care needs met by either the VA or private medical providers. He believes it would greatly help the aging and handicapped military retirees under TRICARE to receive their prescriptions by either drive-up service

or by mail as distributed by military bases. He intends to work to pass legislation to amend the VA’s health care benefits to include nursing home care and fight for improved mental health and suicide prevention assistance to ensure all Veterans have access to viable life-saving preventative medicine and proven treatment. He believes women Veterans’ health care “must” be changed to allow women the ability to choose the gender of their VA Health Care provider and to place priority on privacy issues for women at VA clinics and demands the VA implement recently-approved presumptive conditions related to Agent Orange exposure for Vietnam Veterans.



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Moore is pro-life and endorsed by National Right to Life. Moore opposes funding for Planned Parenthood from any level of government and supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. He thinks abortions resulting from “incest and rape could be on a per case basis but not without in depth counseling.” In the AL House, he voted against a bill that would authorize midwives to practice independently, although the bill ultimately passed.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Moore has said that he is in support of “health care savings accounts, competitive drug pricing and insurance across state lines.” When in the AL House, he voted in favor of a bill that prohibited fetal tissue from being sold or used for research. Moore is a proponent of tort reform and “putting medicine back in the hands of doctors,” stating, “Insurance was much cheaper with lower deductibles before the government took it over. We need to enforce basic standards of insurance practices to insure that medical costs stay as low as possible and that everyone can obtain and maintain health care.”

DID YOU KNOW?

Barry’s legal first name is Felix. Some of Moore’s favorite musicians include U2, Talking Heads, Waylon Jennings, The Cars, The Outfield, Merle Haggard and Hank Williams Jr.

SARA JACOBS



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

31 (2/1/89)

RELIGION

Jewish

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Political Science and Government, Columbia University; Master's in International Relations and Affairs, Columbia University

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

KEY HEALTH LINK

Sara has studied the health care systems of other countries extensively and believes strongly that any health care system has to have a strong government hand in it.

@SARAJACOBSCA

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

U.S. State Department Conflict and Stabilization Policy Officer, 2014-2015

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Founder and Chairwoman, San Diego for Every Child

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Susan Davis (D), retired

BIOGRAPHY

Jacobs began her career working with the United Nations Development Programme, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and at the Innovation Unit with UNICEF. She served as Conflict and Stabilization Policy Officer at the U.S. State Department and as a policy advisor for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. Jacobs worked with several nonprofits, serving as the founder and chair of San Diego for Every Child. In 2018, Jacobs lost to Mike Levin in the Democratic primary.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Jacobs won the most votes in the jungle primary for California's 53rd Congressional District. She advanced to a runoff election against fellow Democrat Georgette Gomez, the second leading vote-getter.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Jacobs says her COVID-19 response is her first congressional priority: "My goal is to make sure that we get assistance for our small businesses here in the 53rd District and that we're supporting families." She also highlights that it must include the \$50 billion Child Care is Essential Act.

Jacobs said any equitable COVID-19 relief bill would include funding for child care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jacobs' nonprofit, San Diego for Every Child, has "started the COVID-19 Children's Fund, helping to mobilize millions of dollars in philanthropic and government funding to support child care for essential workers and equitable distance learning for students throughout San Diego County."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Jacobs supports Medicare for All. She references other countries that have achieved universal coverage, noting that all of them have a strong government role without banning private insurance. She said, "We've seen actually that in a lot of countries you don't have to ban private insurance ... what we see in other countries, even the UK ... there's a strong single payer health care system with private health insurance. The same in Australia. Taiwan ... was the most recent country to transition to a single payer system So there's also a lot we can learn in their transition."



MARIJUANA

Jacobs supports the decriminalization of marijuana and pardons for "non-violent marijuana-related offenses that would now be considered legal." Jacobs has received a B rating from NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Jacobs has said that, "We need to destigmatize mental health We need more funding and training for primary care physicians, teachers, and school counselors to identify and support children facing behavioral or mental health challenges, and work with colleges to provide comprehensive mental health services. We need to make sure insurers are complying with mental health parity laws and increase the number of mental health providers around the country—particularly those who accept insurance. We need to ensure that

anyone who suffers from substance use disorders gets the treatment and ongoing support that they need, rather than letting them face neglect and stigmatization."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Jacobs wants caps on prescription drug costs and to eliminate or limit direct-to-consumer drug advertising. She would also like to continue to modernize the FDA to accelerate drug approval process.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

As a member of Congress, Jacobs intends to work to "end the scourge of military sexual assault, by taking the decision to prosecute outside the chain of command and providing more services to survivors." She also intends to work to "make significant investments in modernizing the VA—employing enough staff and resources needed to end wait times, installing highly-skilled executive leadership, providing top-quality reproductive health care, and ensuring that mental health care and counseling are always available—while always protecting against Republican attempts to privatize the VA."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Jacobs is pro-choice. She supports repealing the Hyde Amendment and codifying Roe v. Wade into law.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

She has spoken about the need for preventive care and more access to care such as more vaccinations for vulnerable populations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jacobs is the granddaughter of Irwin Jacobs, the founder of Qualcomm. It is rumored that she is dating unsuccessful California congressional candidate Ammar Campa-Najjar.

YOUNG KIM



Fullerton
Chino Hills
Buena Park



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

58 (10/18/62)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Asian/Pacific Islander

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Female

 @YOUNGKIMCA

FAMILY

Married, four children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Business Administration,
University of Southern California

MILITARY SERVICE

Kim's husband, Charles, and sister,
Mia, are both Veterans.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Kim is the mother of a child with pre-existing conditions, informing her perception of top health care issues and reaffirming her commitment to bipartisan solutions.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

California State Assembly (65th District), 2014-2016

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Gil Cisneros (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

In 2018, Kim was the GOP candidate in California's 39th congressional district, suffering a narrow defeat by Democrat Gil Cisneros in the general election. In 2020, Kim and Cisneros faced off in a rematch, where Kim defeated Cisneros. Kim and member-elect Michelle Steel became the first Republican congressional candidates to unseat an incumbent House Democrat in California since 1998.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the California State Assembly

BIOGRAPHY

Before running for office, Kim worked for U.S. Rep. Ed Royce for more than 20 years as the congressman's community liaison and director of Asian affairs. During that time, she hosted her own television show, "LA Seoul with Young Kim," and a radio show called "Radio Seoul" to discuss political issues of the Korean American community. Kim then served one term in the California State Assembly before running for U.S. Congress in 2018.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In Congress, Kim hopes to work with federal officials to set up guardrails to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 or future pandemics. She says she hopes her colleagues study the early missteps in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and invest in U.S. emergency preparedness. Kim expressed her opposition to the HEROES Act, a \$3 trillion omnibus stimulus package that passed the House.

In the State Assembly, Kim co-authored AB1578, a bill to make field hospitals ready for deployment in times of emergency by appropriating \$2 million for maintenance and upkeep.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Kim is opposed to the ACA and single-payer systems, endorsing a “free and open market” approach.



MARIJUANA

In 2016, Kim opposed California’s Proposition 64, which legalized and regulated recreational marijuana in the state.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Kim seeks to expand mental health services to combat the growing rate of homelessness in California.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Kim hopes to help lower drug prices when in Congress with a market-based approach.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

In Congress, Kim vows to work to reform the VA and increase VA accessibility in Southern California.



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Kim is pro-life and opposes federal funding for abortion services. She has been endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

While in the California State Assembly, Kim voted against AB329, a bill to expand comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education in schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kim is one of the first three Korean American women elected to the House, all freshmen in the 117th Congress. She was also the first Korean American Republican woman elected to the California State Legislature. Her husband, Charles Kim, has served as president of Inter-Community Action Network, a nonprofit based in La Habra, CA that promotes positive relations between local government and the Korean community.

JAY OBERNOLTE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

50 (8/18/70)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @TEAMOBERNOLTE

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science, California Institute of Technology; M.S. in Artificial Intelligence, University of California at Los Angeles

KEY HEALTH LINK

Obernolte was hit by a car and has fully recovered. While in the California Assembly, he authored numerous bills related to health, including bills in favor of extending mental health services and health savings accounts.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- California State Assembly (33rd District), 2014-2020
- Big Bear City Council, 2010-2014
- Big Bear City Airport Board, 2005-2010

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Paul Cook (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Obernolte received the the most votes in the nonpartisan jungle primary for California's 8th Congressional District. He ran against Democrat Chris Bubser in the general election to succeed retiring Republican Paul Cook.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the California State Assembly
- Owner, FarSight Studios

BIOGRAPHY

Obernolte founded FarSight Studios, a successful independent video game development company, in 1990 which continues to produce multi-platform video games. Obernolte's first elected position was with the Big Bear City Airport Board in 2005. In 2010, Obernolte was elected to the Big Bear City Council, where he served as mayor. In 2014, Obernolte was elected to the California State Assembly, where he served through 2020. During his time in the State Assembly, Obernolte sat on the Utilities and Commerce, Legislative Budget, Legislative Audit, Privacy and Consumer Protection, Appropriations, Judiciary and Business and Professions Committees. During this time he also served as Vice Chair of the Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism and Internet Media, Budget and Communications and Conveyance Committees.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In April 2020, Obernolte criticized the CA governor for using the state's emergency fund to shore up the state's social non-health related safety nets, including spending on food banks. Additionally, in August 2020, Obernolte voted against AB685, a bill which would increase data gathering and distribution by the state and increase the responsibility of businesses to protect and make employees aware of COVID-19 hazards in the workplace.

Obernolte co-authored a successful bill (AB2288) that authorized flexibility to nursing students on their clinical placements to allow for telehealth and other settings to be used due to the limitations of available positions because of COVID-19.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Obernolte wants to repeal and replace the ACA and does not support a public health care option. Obernolte believes in more price transparency and more marketplace competition to reduce costs. He also authored an unsuccessful bill in support of Health Savings Accounts (AB1140).



MARIJUANA

In the CA State Assembly, Obernolte voted against AB1793, which would expunge past marijuana convictions, and also voted against bills that would permit veterinarians to recommend cannabis and allow school children to use medical marijuana. He voted yes on AB2020 to expand places where cannabis events can be held. In 2019, he voted against cannabis compassion programs for patients (SB34).



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Obernolte has said that, "We have gotten into the habit of not thinking about mental health holistically as a part of overall physical health and it really ought to be." In 2020, Obernolte voted in favor of AB465, which would require a licensed mental health professional to oversee any program permitting mental health professionals to respond to emergency mental health crisis calls in collaboration with law enforcement, and AB3242, which "authorizes the involuntary commitment and treatment of persons with specified mental health disorders for the protection of the persons so committed," for a period up to 72 hours. Additionally, he voted in favor of SB803, which requires the Medi-Cal program "to establish statewide requirements for counties or their representatives to use in developing certification programs for the certification of peer support specialists" by July 1, 2022. He also authored

a successful bill that authorizes Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) interns and trainees to provide services via telehealth, under specified supervision, in order to gain supervised hours required for licensure (AB250).



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

In Congress, Obernolte says he will work to lower the cost of prescription drugs.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Obernolte has said that, as a member of Congress, he "will work to make the VA accountable, ensuring Veterans receive the care and benefits they were promised."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Obernolte is pro-life and has been endorsed by pro-life organizations such as the California Catholic Daily and Californians for Life. In the State Assembly, Obernolte sponsored ACR92 that dedicated May 2019 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

In Congress, Obernolte seeks to put more emphasis on protecting access to health care in rural areas and stopping surprise medical billing. Obernolte authored and passed a bill (AB1227), which was subsequently vetoed, that would have required more information sharing among agencies to protect vulnerable populations from individuals who had "administrative actions" taken against them. He also authored a bill that became law (AB1396) to help prevent elder abuse by giving judges the option of ordering the restrained party to attend clinical counseling or anger management courses to break the cycle of abuse. Obernolte authored a bill to recognize Lyme Disease Awareness Month in CA.

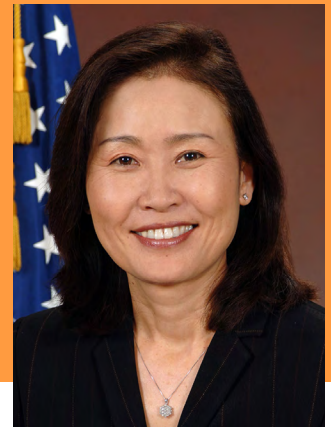
DID YOU KNOW?

Obernolte holds a transport pilot license and has flown small aircraft since 2005. He worked with Embraer on its Pilot Advisory Board during the development of the Phenom 300. Obernolte is a member of Young Eagles, a program created by the U.S. Experimental Aircraft Association to give children the opportunity to experience flight in a general aviation airplane while providing aviation education. Obernolte is a third-degree black belt in Pacific Unified Martial Arts, co-owning and instructing at Puma Karate in Big Bear Lake.

MICHELLE STEEL



Huntington Beach
Laguna Niguel
Newport Beach



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

65 (6/21/55)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Asian/Pacific Islander

FAMILY

Married, two children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Business, Pepperdine University;
Master's of Business

Administration, University of Southern California

 @TAXFIGHTERSTEEL

KEY HEALTH LINK

Steel is on the board for CalOptima, a health insurance system for low-income Californians.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Orange County Board of Supervisors (2nd District), 2015-2021
- California State Board of Equalization (3rd District), 2007-2015

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Harley Rouda (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

In the non-partisan primary for California's 48th Congressional District, Steel placed second behind incumbent Democrat Harley Rouda. Steel defeated Rouda in the general election, Rouda's first re-election campaign after being elected in 2018.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors

BIOGRAPHY

Other than an early stint as a comptroller for a law firm, Steel has been active in public service. President Bush appointed Steel to his President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. She was again appointed to the Commission in 2019 by President Trump. In 2006, Steel was elected to the CA State Board of Equalization, the public agency charged with tax administration and collection. At the time, Steel was the highest-ranking Korean American officeholder in the country and the highest-ranking Republican woman in California electoral politics. In 2011, Steel was elected vice-chair of the Board of Equalization. Steel ran for and won a seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2014. Steel is on the board for CalOptima, a health insurance system for low-income Californians.

DID YOU KNOW?

Steel was born in Seoul, South Korea. Along with Congresswomen-elect Marilyn Strickland and Young Kim, Steel will be one of the first three Korean American women to serve in the U.S. House. Steel is also multilingual, speaking English, Japanese and Korean.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Steel has opposed mandatory face masks in Orange County. She voted against requiring retail employees to wear face masks, opposed face mask requirements in public school and questioned the effect masks have in slowing the spread of the virus. Steel has stated: "As the Chair of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I am working to lead Orange County's response to COVID-19. I have worked closely with local, state, and federal officials to ensure the county has the resources necessary to tackle this crisis, from access to medical care to preventative equipment for our health care professionals. [...] As a member of Congress, I will work to lead America through this global pandemic and reemerge on the other side with a plan to reinvigorate our economy and get Americans back to work."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Steel's position on ACA is unclear. In 2014, Steel placed an op-ed in The Orange County Register in which she stated that the rollout of Obamacare was "disastrous" and that "Orange County's Board of Supervisors did the right thing by blocking Obamacare implementation in the County for as long as they could." When the Sacramento Bee reached out to Steel's campaign in July 2020, a campaign spokesperson would not state Steel's position on the ACA, though they stated, "Michelle believes there needs to be better accessibility in our health care system, more choice, more affordable health care premiums and more affordable prescription medicines and that's something that Obamacare in its current form fails to do ... She does support some aspects like pre-existing conditions. What she does not support is socialized medicine." Steel has stated that she supports "a market-based system that gives Americans options to affordable, quality health care plans ... and [gives] them access to more affordable prescription drugs."



MARIJUANA

In 2017, Steel stated that she wanted "nothing to do with" allowing marijuana operations in Orange County following the passage of California Proposition 64, which legalized recreational marijuana usage for those aged 21 or older.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

During the October 2019 groundbreaking of a mental health and wellness campus in Orange County, Steel stated, "Having access to mental health services for all of our County's citizens is critical, and so is collaboration between health care providers ... The

progress we are making here is one significant part of the many projects we are working on countywide to improve access to mental health services." In November 2019, the Orange County Board of Supervisors voted in favor of a mental health care clinic in the city of Costa Mesa, despite objections by city officials. In a March 2020 press release regarding how the Orange County Board of Supervisors had unanimously approved a dozen new spaces at College Hospital's Crisis Stabilization Unit for involuntary detention, evaluation and treatment, Steel stated, "Making sure that our hospitals are provided with the best tools to care for patients that are suffering from mental health disorders while awaiting treatment is of the utmost importance for Orange County health facilities," adding that, "providing mental health evaluation and treatment to individuals who are involuntarily detained helps them quickly access the appropriate level of care they need."

Steel's campaign website says, "With the help of regional leaders, I've led efforts [to fight homelessness] to create thousands of new supportive housing units that provide medical care, mental health treatment, job counseling, and social services."

In 2017, when discussing the then-recently released "Opioid Overdose and Death in Orange County" report, Steel stated, "There must be a community effort of individuals, private and nonprofit organizations, and the government to reduce the number of people dying in this completely preventable manner." In a September 2020 Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting, Steel recognized September as National Recovery Month.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Steel has stated that she supports a "market-based [health care] system that gives Americans ... access to more affordable prescription drugs."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Steel has stated: "One of my top priorities is to ensure Veterans have access to quality and timely medical care, housing, employment, and education opportunities."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

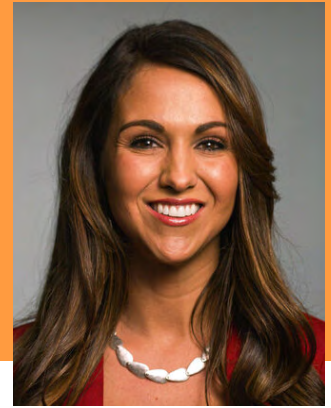
Steel is pro-life and has been endorsed by pro-life organizations such as the Susan B. Anthony List.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

LAUREN BOEBERT



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

33 (12/1/86)

RELIGION

Born-Again Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, four children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Earned her GED in the spring of 2020

@LAURENBOEBERT

KEY HEALTH LINK

Boebert gave birth to her third child in her pickup truck while her husband was driving her to the hospital.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Owner of "Shooters Grill"

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Scott Tipton (R), defeated in primary

BIOGRAPHY

Boebert is the owner of Shooters Grill in Rifle, Colorado. In June 2020, Boebert won her primary challenge against incumbent Republican Scott Tipton.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Boebert successfully primaried incumbent Republican Scott Tipton, criticizing him for not upholding conservative values, saying, "He comes home with a very conservative message and goes back to D.C. and votes like a Democrat."

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Boebert held campaign events where attendees did not wear masks, criticized her primary opponent Scott Tipton for voting in favor of the CARES Act and was issued a cease-and-desist order for operating her restaurant during a period when Colorado restaurants were instructed not to operate.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Boebert supports repealing the Affordable Care Act. She opposes single payer health care, saying the costs would be prohibitive for small businesses like hers. A campaign spokesperson has said that, "We must protect coverage for pre-existing conditions."



MARIJUANA

In an interview, Boebert said, "This has proven to be a states' rights issue, and I don't think the federal government should interfere with that."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Boebert is pro-life. She opposes comprehensive sex education and federal funding for Planned Parenthood.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Boebert lists her health care priorities as defeating Medicare for All, "price transparency, protecting people with pre-existing conditions, making health care affordable [and] increasing access to care." She also talks about health care being portable and says she will "never vote for legislation that will leave Coloradans without health care coverage."

DID YOU KNOW?

Boebert received heavy media attention when she confronted then-presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke in September 2019, saying, "Hell no, you won't take our guns" in response to comments the candidate made during a debate.

KAT CAMMACK



Gainesville
Lakeside
Palatka



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

32 (2/16/88)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in International Relations,
Metropolitan State University of
Denver; M.S. in National Defense and
Strategic Studies, Naval War College

MILITARY SERVICE

Cammack did not serve in the
military, but she received her
Master's in National Defense and
Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval
War College.

 **@KAT_CAMMACK**

KEY HEALTH LINK

Cammack is
passionate about
ensuring Veterans
receive the health
care they were
promised and
earned, "no matter
what the cost."

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Camack never held elected office but was
deputy chief of staff and campaign manager for
Congressman Ted Yoho from 2012-2020.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Ted Yoho (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Incumbent Republican Ted Yoho did not seek
re-election due to pledging to only serve four terms
in the U.S. House. Cammack earned the most votes
out of the ten candidates in the Republican primary,
and then ran against Democrat Adam Christensen
in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Co-Founder and Vice President, The Grit
Foundation

BIOGRAPHY

In college, Cammack worked as a district office
intern for then-Congressman Mike Coffman. After
working on the campaign for Congressman Ted
Yoho, Cammack served as his Deputy Chief of Staff
from 2013 to 2019. In 2017, Cammack co-founded
The Grit Foundation, which works to generate
community-based support for local first responders
and hometown heroes.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Cammack wants to work to “rebuild the American economy and [outline] a new set of policies to protect our country in the future. Our plan begins with an America First policy designed to bring pharmaceuticals, manufacturing, processing, and IT back home to America. Securing our supply chain and national defense has never been a bigger priority than it is now.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Cammack wants to see a full repeal of the ACA and would like to see it replaced “with a system that calls for greater consumer choice and transparency. I will advocate for policies that will allow individuals to purchase health insurance across state lines, for tort reform, and for increased transparency in health care costs. Furthermore, it is imperative that we renew the relationship between patients and doctors and seek to remove bureaucratic barriers that pretend to have a better understanding of an individual’s health care needs.”



MARIJUANA

Cammack has stated that she is “neutral” regarding the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Cammack would like to see increased transparency in health care costs.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

While working for Rep. Yoho, Cammack “successfully led the efforts to secure four new VA clinics within the district,” and “worked every kind of case you can imagine under the VA ... [I] learned the shortcomings of the system, but more importantly how to fix them.” She said Veterans need the respect that they deserve and earned, saying, “That means access to the highest quality of health care, education opportunities, and support services, no matter the cost.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Cammack is pro-life and supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. She would make exceptions for rape and incest. She has been endorsed by the National Right To Life PAC and the Susan B. Anthony List. She said, “I personally am pro-life because my mother chose life when pregnant with me despite strong objections by her doctors and family for medical reasons. She was told she would most likely not survive the pregnancy. Even with the incredible pressure, she held firm and was able to deliver a healthy child safely. I thank her everyday for choosing life.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

She does not support paid medical leave during public health crises, such as COVID-19.

DID YOU KNOW?

After winning the election, Cammack said, “Only in America can someone go from homeless to the House of Representatives in under a decade.” She was raised by a single mother. Her family was evicted from their cattle ranch in 2011 due to the Home Affordable Modification Program, a federal loan modification program to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. They were homeless for several months.

Cammack’s husband is a firefighter and SWAT medic.

BYRON DONALDS



Cape Coral
Fort Myers
Naples



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

42 (10/28/78)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Finance and Marketing,
Florida State University

 @BYRONDONALDS

KEY HEALTH LINK

Donalds is a survivor of COVID-19, although he never had symptoms. He chaired the Insurance and Banking Subcommittee of the FL House Commerce Committee.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Florida House of Representatives (80th District),
2016-2020

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Francis Rooney (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Donalds bested eight candidates in the Republican primary. In August 2020, anonymous text messages were sent to voters in the district wrongly claiming that Donalds was dropping out of the race, which he denied. Donalds ran against Democrat Cindy Banyai in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Florida House of Representatives

BIOGRAPHY

Donalds' career path has included working in the finance, insurance and banking industries in Southwest Florida. Donalds first ran for office in 2012 when he lost in the FL-19 Congressional primary to Trey Radel. Donalds ran for and was elected to the Florida House in 2016, where he served through 2020. In the FL House, Donalds served on the Education, Ways & Means and Appropriations Committees and chaired the Commerce Committee.

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Donalds has not been supportive of mask mandates and was photographed in crowds without a mask. In October 2020, Donalds tested positive for COVID-19 although he never had symptoms. He has defended President Trump's response to COVID-19.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Donalds wants the ACA repealed and replaced. He wants tax incentives for individuals to purchase insurance and the ability to purchase insurance across state lines: "State reciprocity allows for citizens to seek their own doctors and care, allowing the free market to thrive and work as intended. This one action of legalizing state reciprocity would greatly reduce the problem of un-insurability with pre-existing conditions and would lower costs tremendously."



MARIJUANA

In 1997, Donalds was arrested for possession of marijuana. The case was ultimately put into pre-trial diversion, with Donalds paying a fine of \$150. Donalds has stated that he does not believe that marijuana should be legalized and regulated like alcohol and tobacco. However, while in the state legislature, Donalds voted in favor of SB182, a bill which legalized the use of medical marijuana by smoking.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In 2019, Donalds cosponsored HB875, an unsuccessful bill which would have created a statewide task force on opioid abuse. In 2019, he sponsored a successful telehealth bill that allowed for controlled substances (opioid recovery treatments) to be prescribed under specified conditions. In 2020, Donalds voted in favor of the successful bill that expanded the duties of the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention and instructed more promotion of evidence-based suicide deterrents in certain locations.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

In an August 2020 tweet detailing some of his reasoning for supporting President Trump in his re-election bid, Donalds stated that he was "supporting the guy that will... cut prescription drug costs."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Donalds is pro-life and has received a 100% rating from Florida Right to Life, as well as an endorsement from Florida Family Action. Donalds has stated that, "I understand an abortion has countless victims. I have voted for and strongly support laws requiring parental consent for abortions, funding for pregnancy resource centers, and increased medical restrictions on abortion clinics - but these are simply not enough. We must turn the culture in our country against the killing of innocent unborn children and I pledge to always be a strong voice and advocate for life."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

In 2018, Donalds was honored by the Florida Council on Aging for his work in preventing elder abuse in financial transactions. He was an original sponsor of successful bill H0389, which created a pathway for collaborative pharmacy practice agreement between pharmacist and physician. He also sponsored a successful resolution of the FL House designating March 2017 as "Kidney Awareness Month."

DID YOU KNOW?

Donalds volunteers as a coach for youth football and basketball teams. Donalds' wife, Erika, is a former Collier County School Board member active within the national school choice movement who founded Optima Foundation, a charity created "to support the establishment and expansion of superior quality schools of choice."

SCOTT FRANKLIN



Brandon
Lakeland
Plant City



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

56 (8/23/64)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Presbyterian

@SCOTTFRANKLINFL

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Oceanography, U.S. Naval Academy; Joint Professional Military Education, Air Command & Staff College, United States Air Force; MBA, Business Administration, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Executive Leadership Development Program, University of Pennsylvania

KEY HEALTH LINK

Franklin was the CEO and Managing Partner at an insurance company and "is very familiar with employee benefits."

MILITARY SERVICE

Franklin attended the U.S. Naval Academy. He served as an active duty naval aviator for 14 years. From 2000 to 2012, Franklin served as a commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve. During his time in the military, Franklin was deployed to the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf and the North Atlantic. He participated in combat operations in the Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Kosovo. After 9/11, Franklin was called up to active duty with the U.S. Central Command.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Lakeland City Commissioner / Mayor Pro Tempore, 2018-2020

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Ross Spano (R), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Franklin ran against Democrat Alan Cohn to succeed Ross Spano in representing Florida's 15th Congressional District.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Lakeland City Commissioner / Mayor Pro Tempore
- CEO, Managing Partner, Lanier Upshaw Insurance

BIOGRAPHY

Franklin served in the Navy for 14 years. He first served in elected office as a Lakeland City Commissioner and Mayor Pro Tem from 2018 to 2020. Franklin mounted a successful primary challenge against incumbent Republican Ross Spano in 2020.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Franklin recognized the COVID-19 threat but indicated government action should seriously consider how it affects businesses and jobs, saying, “[At] the same time it’s a matter of protecting lives and livelihoods because if we destroy people’s livelihoods, that has an impact on overall health as well.” He voted against a mask mandate in Lakeland when he was a councilman and said it was a personal responsibility.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Franklin supports a repeal of the ACA while maintaining coverage for pre-existing conditions. Franklin is a pro-market health care reformer who has experience working in employer benefits. He has stated, “I’ve worked in that a lot with employee benefits, and I know how hard it is, both as a business owner and as someone trying to help businesses get insurance for their employees, the challenges that we face. But I just don’t think a government takeover of the program is the way we need to go. I think we need more free-market solutions.” He supports small business insurance pools.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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VETERANS HEALTH CARE

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WOMEN’S HEALTH

Franklin is pro-life.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

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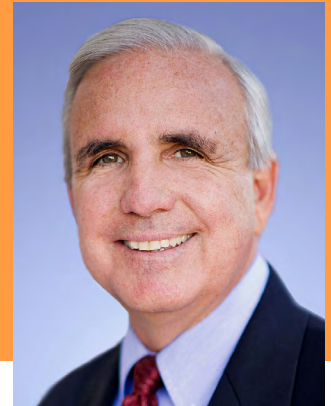
DID YOU KNOW?

Franklin has summited the highest peaks on three continents. He also continues to fly planes in his free time.

CARLOS GIMENEZ



Homestead
Key Largo
Key West



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

66 (1/17/54)

RELIGION

Catholic

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's in Public Administration, Barry University; Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government, Harvard University

 @MAYORGIMENEZ

KEY HEALTH LINK

Gimenez was a first responder, serving as a firefighter for 16 years and as chief of the City of Miami Fire Department for nine years.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Mayor of Miami-Dade County, 2011-2021
- Miami-Dade County Commissioner (7th District), 2005-2011
- Miami City Manager (Appointed), 2000-2003

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Debbie Mucarsel-Powell (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Gimenez ran against fellow Republican Omar Blanco in the 2020 Republican primary for Florida's 26th Congressional District. In the general election, Gimenez ran against and narrowly defeated incumbent Democrat Debbie Mucarsel-Powell.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Mayor of Miami-Dade County

BIOGRAPHY

Gimenez served for 25 years in the Miami Fire-Rescue Department, serving as department chief for the last nine years. From 2000 to 2003, Gimenez served as City Manager for Miami proper, which is an appointed position. In 2004, Gimenez was first elected to office as a member of the Miami-Dade County Commission from the 7th District, a role in which he served until 2011, when he was elected mayor of Miami-Dade County. Gimenez served as mayor until he was elected as a member of Congress from Florida's 26th District. Gimenez served on the Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban Search and Rescue Advisory Committee and as the Chair of the Legal Issues Subcommittee.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Gimenez used his authority as mayor of Miami-Dade County to sign executive orders placing restrictions on public gatherings and places of business. Gimenez increased or eased restrictions based on the spread of the virus during different periods of time throughout pandemic. In late September 2020, Gimenez stated that he would not comply with the decision of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to lift most of the in-place restrictions.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Gimenez has stated, "I never said that I was against Obamacare. I said I think there are aspects of it that were good but obviously it needs a lot of fixing, I wouldn't repeal it. I would fix it." Gimenez has stated his support for protections for those with pre-existing conditions.



MARIJUANA

In 2014, Gimenez announced that he would not be voting in favor of medical marijuana in Florida, saying, "While I'm in favor of marijuana for medicinal purposes, I think this amendment is a little too loose [with its language]." In 2016, Gimenez came out in support of Florida Question 2, which would legalize marijuana. In 2015, Gimenez supported a measure in Miami-Dade County which allowed for people found possessing marijuana to be issued a civil citation and fine instead of a criminal charge, though he did state that he would support arrests for those found smoking marijuana in public. Gimenez has been given a C rating by NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In 2019, Gimenez took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Miami Center for Mental Health and Recovery. Gimenez commended Judge Steven Leifman for creating the 11th Judicial Circuit Criminal Mental Health Project, creating a diversion program to provide "equitable treatment [for] those with mental illnesses, while at the same time alleviating the burden on our county jails." In August 2020, the Miami-Dade County Commissioners passed a resolution which directed Gimenez's office to "devote \$1 million to creating and implementing a plan to expand mental health services for county residents" as a response to the mental health crisis spurred on the COVID-19 pandemic.

In May 2017, Gimenez commended then-Governor of Florida Rick Scott for declaring a statewide public

health emergency over the opioid epidemic. In 2017, Gimenez helped create the Opioid Addiction Task Force.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

In December 2014, representatives from Miami-Dade County attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. on the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs 25 Cities Initiative to "intensify and integrate local efforts" to end Veteran homelessness, which they ultimately joined. Gimenez joined the Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness initiative, and in August 2018, the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust announced that Miami-Dade County was the first major urban area in Florida to bring a sustainable end to Veteran homelessness, with sheltered Veterans representing less than 1% of the total homeless population in Miami-Dade County.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Gimenez is pro-life.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Gimenez joined other local officials to proclaim February 23, 2015 as "Care Resource Day" for the purpose of "saluting the men and women who devote their time and effort to making Care Resource a success." Care Resource is an organization which "for over 30 years ... has provided HIV/AIDS research, prevention, care, and treatment services to individuals in the Miami-Dade and Broward counties."

In 2013, Gimenez vetoed a program passed by the Miami-Dade County Commission that would have ended forced contributions by county workers to health care costs. Gimenez cited the financial strain that ending these contributions would place on the city. This decision was opposed by county workers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Gimenez is a Cuban immigrant. His family came to the United States in 1960 following the Cuban Revolution. Gimenez's family settled in the Little Havana neighborhood of Miami. Gimenez has been a resident of Miami-Dade County since his immigration.

MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR



Miami
Miami Beach
Kendall



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

59 (11/1/61)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Communications, University of Miami; Master's of Public Administration, Harvard University

 [@MAELVIRASALAZAR](https://twitter.com/MAELVIRASALAZAR)

KEY HEALTH LINK

As a reporter, Salazar witnessed and covered the trauma and injuries resulting from the Salvadoran Civil War.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Donna Shalala (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

After an unsuccessful bid for the same congressional seat in 2018, Salazar again secured the GOP nomination in Florida's 27th district with 79% of the vote in the primary. In the general election, she ousted incumbent and former HHS Secretary Donna Shalala, who had beaten her in the 2018 race. Both were very close races.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Nightly News Anchor, Mega TV

BIOGRAPHY

Salazar is a broadcast journalist with a three-decade career at Spanish-language networks Telemundo, Mega TV, CNN Español and Univision. Salazar spent three years covering the Salvadoran Civil War. She has won five Emmy Awards for her reporting on Nicaragua, Cuba and Santo Domingo.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Salazar supports social distancing and mask wearing to prevent the spread of the virus. Salazar supports additional direct relief for those economically affected by COVID-19, with an eye toward restoring employment.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Salazar says she would support the repeal of the ACA, but only if a viable alternative were presented that also protected coverage for those with pre-existing conditions and allowed adults up to 26 years old to stay on their parents' plan. She says the best way to reduce premiums is to "allow the forces of the free market to invade" the health care industry. Salazar supports allowing individuals and families to buy health insurance across state lines. She vows to protect Medicare.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

When running for office in 2018, Salazar linked gun violence to mental health: "To ensure their safety, one of my first acts as Congresswoman, I will introduce legislation to create an Early Intervention and Prevention Center (EIPC) in every public school in the country with the task of identifying mental health issues in our students before they become critical and lead to tragic consequences."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Salazar is very critical of abuses by "big pharma." She supports proposals to allow the government to negotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications and to import drugs from Canada and Mexico.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Salazar is pro-life but believes exceptions should be made for the life of the mother and in cases of incest or rape.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Salazar is the daughter of Cuban exiles and spent part of her childhood in Puerto Rico.

CAROLYN BOURDEAUX



Peachtree Corners
Lawrenceville
Duluth



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

50 (6/3/70)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

 @CAROLYN4GA7

FAMILY

Married, one child

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in History and Economics, Yale University; MPA, University of Southern California; Ph.D. in Public Administration, Syracuse University

KEY HEALTH LINK

On her campaign website, Bourdeaux reveals that her father had a long-term debilitating illness, noting that her mother was his caregiver for over ten years and sharing that the prescription drugs drained their bank account, ultimately causing the family to file bankruptcy.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Director, Georgia Senate Budget and Evaluation Office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Rob Woodall (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Bourdeaux is the first Democrat to hold this seat since 1995. In 2018, Bourdeaux ran against incumbent Republican Ron Woodall in Georgia's 7th Congressional District. In 2020, Bourdeaux ran against Republican Rich McCormick to succeed Woodall in the same district.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Associate Professor of Policy Studies, Georgia State University
- Director, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies Center for State and Local Finance

BIOGRAPHY

Early in her career, Bourdeaux worked as a legislative assistant for Senator Ron Wyden. She has since served as Director of the Georgia Senate Budget and Evaluation Office, Chair of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management and Director at the Center for State and Local Finance at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. She has been a professor at Georgia State University since 2003.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During her campaign, Bourdeaux criticized her opponent, Rich McCormick, for comments he made regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, including his support of a “herd immunity” strategy to combat the disease.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Bourdeaux supports expanding the ACA with a public health insurance option that competes with private insurance plans. She also supports lowering the Medicare eligibility age to 50. She wants to see health care insurance decoupled from employment.



MARIJUANA

Bourdeaux is supportive of medical marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Bourdeaux is supportive of allowing Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to lower the prices of prescription drugs. She is also supportive of allowing Americans to purchase drugs from other countries that have been rated as safe by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Bourdeaux supports increased funding for the Veterans Health Administration. She intends to work to increase access to mental health and telehealth resources, as well as childcare options for service members.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Bourdeaux is pro-choice. While a member of Congress, she intends to support legislation that would codify Roe v. Wade into law, ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, support paid family medical leave programs and lower maternal mortality rates. Bourdeaux has been endorsed by EMILY's List, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund, NARAL Pro-Choice America and the National Women's Political Caucus.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bourdeaux intends to work to end surprise medical billing while a member of Congress.

Bourdeaux wants Georgia to expand Medicaid, particularly to bolster rural health access.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bourdeaux's father was a school teacher who left his position to start a business selling paper animal hats. Their misadventures in the paper hat business became the subject of her application essay to Yale University.

ANDREW CLYDE



Gainesville
Budford
Taccoa



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

57 (11/22/63)

FAMILY

Married

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Baptist

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.B.A. in Accounting and Business Management, Bethel College; NROTC Commission, University of Notre Dame; M.B.A. in Entrepreneurship and Corporate Finance, University of Georgia

 @CLYDE4CONGRESS

KEY HEALTH LINK

Of Clyde's top four priorities, two are related to health care—stop abortions without exception, and ensure Veterans receive quality health care.

MILITARY SERVICE

Clyde served in the U.S. Navy for 28 years. After completing ROTC at Notre Dame, he served for 11 years and completed deployments to the Middle East, where he was stationed in Kuwait and Iraq. He then served in the Navy Reserves for 17 years. He retired from the Reserves as a commander in 2013. He received a number of awards and medals.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Doug Collins (R), declined re-election to run in Georgia's special election for U.S. Senate

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Clyde placed second in the 2020 Republican primary and won the runoff election with 56% of the vote. Clyde ran against Democrat Devin Pandy in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

CEO, Clyde Armory

BIOGRAPHY

In addition to the military service, Clyde has owned and operated Clyde Armory, a firearm business, since 1991. Clyde's first run for public office was in the 2020 Republican primary.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March 2020, Clyde sued Athens-Clark County, Georgia over the stay at home order, which he referred to at the time as “unconstitutional.” In July 2020, it was reported that Clyde’s business, Clyde Armory, received a Paycheck Protection Program loan of between \$150,000 and \$350,000.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Clyde would like the ACA repealed and replaced. Clyde has stated that, “In order to promote health care coverage that is adequate, affordable, and accessible, I will work to get the government out of the way by implementing more free-market principles into the system...[which will] drive down costs and create better access to affordable coverage for all Americans.”



MARIJUANA

Clyde opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Clyde has stated that he “will make it a top priority to ensure Veterans receive the care the government promised them when they took their oath to protect this country.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Clyde is pro-life and is a supporter of the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. Clyde has stated that, “There is no circumstance under which abortion should be allowed.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Clyde is a deacon and member of the choir at his church. His wife, Jennifer, plays the violin professionally in an orchestra. Clyde undertook a very public legal fight with the IRS in 2013 when the IRS used civil asset forfeiture to confiscate \$940,000 from his gun shop. Of that, \$900,000 was ultimately returned to Clyde.

MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE



Rome
Dalton
Calhoun



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE
46 (5/27/74)

RELIGION
Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY
Caucasian/White

FAMILY
Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION
Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
Bachelor's in Business
Administration, University of Georgia

 @MTGREENEE

KEY HEALTH LINK

Greene owned a CrossFit gym.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED
Tom Graves (R), resigned

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT
Greene received the most votes in the Republican primary, but did not surpass the 50% threshold to avoid a runoff election. Greene defeated fellow Republican John Cowan in the runoff election and ran unopposed in the general election to succeed Republican Tom Graves in representing the district. Graves had announced his intention to not seek re-election, and then resigned from the U.S. House in October 2020.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION
Owner, Taylor Commercial
(a construction company)

BIOGRAPHY
Greene is the owner of Taylor Commercial, a commercial construction company started by her father five decades ago, which she bought in 2002. They renovate apartments, townhomes and commercial buildings in 11 states. Greene was also the National Director for Family America Project, an organization which connects activists and grassroots organizers in support of President Trump. Greene first ran for elected office in 2020, when she sought the Republican nomination in Georgia's 14th Congressional District.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Greene has stated that “children should not wear masks,” believing that masks are “unhealthy for their psychological, emotional, and educational growth,” adding that “forcing boys to wear masks is emasculating. Our first session of New Member Orientation covered COVID in Congress. Masks, masks, masks....I proudly told my freshman class that masks are oppressive. In GA, we work out, shop, go to restaurants, go to work, and school without masks. My body, my choice. #FreeYourFace.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Greene has stated that, “I believe the best way to provide health care coverage is through the private health care market. Removing government regulations and intervention is the best way for the market to be able to compete and for every sector of health care to be able to offer the best, highest quality, and affordable care and plans to every single American citizen. Keep government out of health care.”



MARIJUANA

Greene opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Greene has stated that she “will always stand with our Veterans and will work tirelessly to preserve and improve the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.”



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Greene is pro-life. Greene supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act and the Life at Conception Act. Greene opposes funding for Planned Parenthood from any level of government.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Greene has made statements in support of the QAnon conspiracy theory.

NIKEMA WILLIAMS



Atlanta
East Point
Forest Park



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

42 (7/30/78)

RELIGION

Methodist

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

FAMILY

Married, one child

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A., Talladega College; Women's
Campaign School, Yale University

 @NIKEMAWILLIAMS

KEY HEALTH LINK

Williams is a COVID-19 survivor. She served as Vice President of Planned Parenthood Southeast from 2007 to 2018.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Georgia State Senate (39th District), 2017-2021
- Chair of the Georgia Democratic Party

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Williams will serve in the seat vacated by John Lewis (D), who passed away during the 116th Congress

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Williams was selected by the Georgia Democratic Party's executive committee to take Rep. Lewis' place on the ballot in the November election. On December 1st, 2020, there was a special election to serve the remainder of the term for the 116th Congress. Kwanza Hall (D) defeated Robert Michael Franklin Jr. (D), assuming office on December 3rd. Hall will serve in this seat until Williams assumes office on January 3rd, 2021

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Georgia State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Williams served as southeastern public policy vice president at Planned Parenthood. In 2011, she was elected as the first vice chair of the Democratic Party of Georgia. She served as the interim chair of the party in 2013, following Mike Berlon's resignation. In 2017, Williams won a special election to serve as a Georgia state senator, where she served on the Economic Development and Tourism, Retirement, Special Judiciary, State and Local Government Operations, Urban Affairs and Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committees.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Williams was diagnosed with COVID-19 in March 2020. Williams was critical of President Trump and Georgia Governor Brian Kemp, saying, "Americans have done their part to fight COVID-19; our politicians need to do their job."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Williams is a strong supporter of government health care and supports Medicare for All.



MARIJUANA

Williams supports the legalization of recreational marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Williams is pro-choice. She was the vice president of Planned Parenthood Southeast from 2007-2018. She has been endorsed by EMILY's List, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Williams supports "universal family care" that would include federal support for child care, paid leave and long-term care. Williams sponsored an unsuccessful bill in the Georgia Senate to mandate continued Medicaid coverage for any mother who was on Medicaid at birth for at least 12 months.

DID YOU KNOW?

Nikema Williams' husband calls her "the Lorax"—the Dr. Seuss character who defends trees against logging—because he says she's willing to speak up for whoever needs it, especially those who have been marginalized. Williams has called herself "a student of the John Lewis school of politics" who has "practiced the art of getting into 'good trouble.'" Williams' family has two rescue Yorkshire Terriers, Ginger and Belle.

KAI KAHELE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

46 (3/28/74)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Asian/Pacific Islander

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Education,
University of Hawaii at Mānoa



MILITARY SERVICE

Kahele is a civilian and military pilot, serving as a commissioned officer in the Hawaii Air National Guard where he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. A combat Veteran, Kahele has flown over 100 combat missions serving multiple deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Kahele has received numerous awards and medals for his service, including Pacific Air Forces Guard Officer of the Year and Hawaii Air National Guard Officer of the Year.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Kahele's father died of a heart attack. While in the State House, Kahele sponsored many bills related to enhancing mental health and addiction treatment and has vowed for Veteran mental health to be a top priority.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Hawaii State Senate (1st District), 2016-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Tulsi Gabbard (D), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Kahele announced his challenge to incumbent Tulsi Gabbard (D) in January 2019. In October 2019, while running for President of the United States, Gabbard announced that she would not be seeking re-election to Congress.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Hawaii State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Kahele served in the Air Force. In 2016, Kahele was appointed to the Hawaii State Senate seat held by his father, Gil Kahele, following his passing. In 2018, Kahele won the seat in his own right. In 2019, Kahele was elected by his peers to serve as the Majority Floor Leader in the Senate. Kahele has also served as chair of the Committee on Higher Education, Chair of the Senate Committee on Water and Land and Vice Chair of the Committee on Education. During his time in the State Senate, Kahele has also served on the Ways and Means, Hawaiian Affairs and Housing Committees. During the 19th Annual Western Legislative Academy (WLA), Kahele was elected by legislators from other states as the class president of the Council of State Governments (CSG) West.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In May 2020, Kahele joined the Hawaii National Guard's COVID-19 Joint Task Force in an active duty capacity.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Kahele is a strong supporter of a single-payer "Medicare for All" system. Kahele wants to improve access to health care in rural areas and address the physician shortage which has worsened over the past decade.



MARIJUANA

Kahele has indicated his support for the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As a state senator, Kahele sponsored legislation to ensure mental health parity and expand access to mental health resources for Hawaiian youth, mothers and inmates. He also co-authored failed legislation that would allow for mental health treatment of youth without parental consent.

He also sponsored legislation that would allow pharmacists to prescribe opioid antagonists for treatment of opioid use disorder. Additionally, Kahele sponsored legislation in support of the inclusion of Native Hawaiian cultural intervention treatment programs for those living with opioid use disorder.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Kahele wants to make combating the Veteran suicide epidemic one of his top priorities in Congress and intends to work to expand VA services and end their backlog by filling the numerous vacancies that exist within the agency. Additionally, Kahele supports the appropriation of funds to establish additional post-acute care and rehabilitation centers.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Kahele is pro-choice. Kahele supports universal access to contraceptives, opposes any attempt to overturn Roe v. Wade and supports overturning the Hyde Amendment.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As a member of Congress, Kahele intends to work to lower the cost of prescription drugs, including allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices. While in the state senate, Kahele authored an unsuccessful bill applying regulations and mandates to pharmacy benefit managers.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Kahele has indicated that he supports various regulations that would limit accessibility for tobacco and nicotine vaporizer products, including bans on menthol flavored cigarettes and bans on flavored e-liquids. He also introduced a bill to mandate coverage of hearing aids.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kahele was a member of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa's Rainbow Warriors NCAA Division I Mens Volleyball Team and was voted "Most Inspirational Teammate" by his team. Kahele has served as the head coach of the University Laboratory School's Varsity Volleyball Team.

RANDY FEENSTRA



Sioux City
Ames
Mason City



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

51 (1/14/69)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, four children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A., Dordt University;
MPA, Iowa State University

 @RANDYFEENSTRA

KEY HEALTH LINK

Feenstra volunteered as an EMT in northwest Iowa before entering politics.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Iowa State Senate (2nd District), 2009-2020
- Treasurer of Sioux County, 2006-2008
- City Administrator of Hull, Iowa, 2000-2006

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Steve King (R), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Feenstra decided to challenge Rep. Steve King in 2018 after inflammatory comments caused King to be stripped of his committee assignments. With the backing of GOP leadership, Feenstra received 45.7% of the vote in the primary, while the incumbent King received only 36%.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Insurance company
- Member of the Iowa State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Before entering public service, Feenstra led a regional sales team for The Foreign Candy Company and taught business at Dordt University. He also worked at an insurance company. In the Iowa Senate, Feenstra served on the Capital Projects, Fiscal, Tax Expenditure, Transportation and State Government Committees and chaired the Ways and Means Committee. While serving in the Iowa Senate, Feenstra worked for ISB Insurance and served as a faculty member of Dordt University, his alma mater.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Feenstra supports funds for rapid COVID-19 testing for schools and workplaces. He does not support a federal COVID-19 mandate that closes schools or requires face masks.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Feenstra wants ACA repealed and replaced. He endorses a free market approach to health care, opposing a government "takeover" of care. He supports protecting people with pre-existing conditions while eliminating the ACA. Feenstra is in favor of eliminating third-party billing and hopes to increase competition and transparency together.



MARIJUANA

Feenstra supported the legalization of medicinal marijuana with restrictions but does not support legalization for recreational use.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As state senator, Feenstra supported adding more psychiatric beds for mental health care in Iowa. Feenstra supported Senate Study Bill 1187, which allowed counties within a mental health service region to equalize—but not significantly raise—their property tax levies, which go toward mental health care.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Feenstra supports placing price caps on how much drugs can cost.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Feenstra is pro-life. He supports defunding Planned Parenthood and passing a federal Heartbeat Bill. As state senator, Feenstra sponsored a bill to define life at conception. Feenstra introduced legislation in the IA Senate that would make female child genital mutilation a class "D" felony.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Feenstra says that patients who pay with cash should receive reduced health care costs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Feenstra started working at the age of 9 delivering newspapers and worked at a local bakery starting at 14.

ASHLEY HINSON



Dubuque
Cedar Rapids
Waterloo



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

37 (6/27/83)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

 @HINSONASHLEY

RELIGION

Christian

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Broadcast Journalism,
University of Southern California

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Iowa House of Representatives (67th District),
2017-2020

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Abby Finkenauer (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Hinson defeated fellow Republican Thomas Hanson in the Republican primary and proceeded to defeat incumbent Democrat Abby Finkenauer in the general election, which was Finkenauer's first re-election campaign after being elected in 2018.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Iowa House of Representatives

DID YOU KNOW?

During her time as a reporter, Hinson received two Midwest regional Emmy Awards and was a live co-host of Surgical Procedures with a local hospital.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Hinson is a COVID-19 survivor. When Hinson worked for KCRG-TV9, she was a member of the Emergency Action Team on staff and was trained in CPR, AED and Emergency Wound Care. Additionally, Hinson was a winner of the Ivanhoe/RTDNF Medical Reporting Fellowship. She is also a board member of the March of Dimes, Iowa and sits on the Congenital and Inherited Disorders Advisory Committee of the Iowa Department of Public Health. Hinson talks of her aunt's death from multiple myeloma.

BIOGRAPHY

Hinson spent a decade as a television reporter in Cedar Rapids. Hinson's first run for office was in 2016, when she was elected to the Iowa State House of Representatives. She was re-elected in 2018. While a state representative, Hinson served on the Appropriations, Judiciary, State Government, Economic Growth, Local Government and Transportation Committees. Hinson also served as Chair of the Transportation Committee in 2019.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hinson was prevented from attending congressional orientation because she was quarantining after being diagnosed with COVID-19. While in the State House, Hinson supported HR113, which recognized “the leadership of President Donald J. Trump and Governor Kim Reynolds during the COVID-19 pandemic.” Hinson supports government economic support, including the Paycheck Protection Program and federal unemployment benefits during the pandemic, although she wants the amount variable by state. She stated in November that she would like to see bipartisanship in efforts to pass another COVID-19 relief passage, adding that she would be “advocating for [it] very publicly right now,” if she were there.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Hinson does not support Medicare for All. Hinson has criticized the ACA and said that it “isn’t working,” though she has stated, “I think we need targeted fixes and approaches, but I don’t think we can repeal and replace unless we have a plan to cover pre-existing conditions.” She also wants to see reimbursement rates reviewed for providers to ensure access to patients purchasing marketplace plans.



MARIJUANA

When asked in 2018 about her position: “I supported bipartisan expansion of medical cannabis laws. We created a cannabidiol board to recommend what diseases cannabis should be used to treat and what level of THC should be used. They’d make suggestions to the Board of Medicine for final approval/denial. I think this process guarantees we don’t go too far too fast with the program.” Hinson has received a C rating from NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Hinson believes that, “The federal government needs to improve access to...our mental health system.” She wants more attention paid to mental health needs of Veterans. While in the Iowa State House, Hinson supported HF2377, a bipartisan piece of legislation which sought to combat the opioid epidemic with funding for a new Prescription Management Program, requiring participation in the system by various actors such as doctors, pharmacists and first responders and providing criminal immunity to those calling first responders to assist in treating drug overdoses.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Hinson intends to “take on Big Pharma to put an end to out-of-control prices of prescription drugs”

and will work to increase competition in the marketplace. She wants to get generics to market faster and increase transparency on how much is spent on marketing. Hinson was drafting legislative language for a bill in the Iowa House that would have mandated transparency of pharmaceutical marketing dollars, which she believes is a key driver of prices.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Hinson “believes in reforming the VA by supporting legislation that increases access and quality while protecting medical benefits. Hinson will support programs that work to end Veteran suicide that focus on mental health rehabilitation for Veterans who suffer from anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder and addiction.”



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Hinson is pro-life and has been endorsed by pro-life organizations such as the Susan B. Anthony List.

While in the Iowa State House, Hinson sponsored HF 384, a piece of legislation requiring employers to make reasonable accommodations to employees based on pregnancy or childbirth. She has also said there should be increased federal funding for women’s health centers.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Hinson wants to end surprise medical billing and lower the cost of co-payments, deductibles and prescription drugs.

While in the Iowa State House, Hinson sponsored HF467, a bill that would increase taxes on tobacco and vapor products and set aside revenues for health care programs, including mental health programs. She also sponsored HF2633, a bill that increased the regulations on the sales of tobacco and vapor products.

Hinson supports increased federal support for rural health care providers and women’s health centers.

Hinson supports “administrative simplification ... because a lot of the health care costs that are being passed on to consumers are tied up in administrative work.” She introduced an unsuccessful bill in the Iowa House to advance greater standardization, simplification and streamlining of health care administrative transactions, including increasing electronic exchanges.

While in the Iowa State House, Hinson supported expanding child care tax credits and worked to promote measures which would help families avoid the “child care cliff,” where increases in income would drastically reduce the child care subsidies a family received.

MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS



Davenport
Iowa City
Bettendorf



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

65 (9/6/1955)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

RELIGION

Roman Catholic

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S., Texas Christian University; M.S. in Education, University of Southern California; Doctor of Medicine, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston



MILITARY SERVICE

Miller-Meeks enlisted in the U.S. Army at 18 and served for 24 years. She served as a nurse, physician and member of the U.S. Army Reserve. By retirement, she had achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Miller-Meeks served in the U.S. Army as a nurse and doctor, practicing ophthalmology. She went into private practice in Ottumwa, Iowa in 1997 and has remained there since. She intends to continue her practice during her time in Congress.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Iowa State Senate (41st District), 2019-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Dave Loebsack (D), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Miller-Meeks defeated former Illinois Rep. Bobby Schilling in the 2020 Republican congressional primary, taking on Democrat Rita Hart to succeed retiring Congressman Dave Loebsack. Miller-Meeks won the seat with a six-vote margin.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Iowa State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Miller-Meeks ran against incumbent Democrat Dave Loebsack in 2008, 2010 and 2014. In the Iowa State Senate, she served on a number of committees, including the Appropriations, Commerce, Ethics, State Government and Veterans Affairs Committees.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Miller-Meeks has offered proposals to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, including: “free and vastly more available coronavirus testing,” “a volunteer workforce through temporary licensure of physicians, nurses and physician’s assistants who have retired or whose licenses lapsed,” a lift on restrictions relating to telemedicine, loosened restrictions on unemployment benefits, increases in SNAP benefits, low-interest loans to small businesses and a temporary deferment on student loan payments. In tweets that have since been deleted, Miller-Meeks called for using herd immunity and hydroxychloroquine to combat the pandemic. She opposes enforcement of mandatory face masks to halt the spread of the virus.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Miller-Meeks has cited health care as being one of her top three issues to tackle in the House, saying that she wants to “reform it to become affordable, portable, personal. It should be patient-centered and preserve the doctor-patient relationship with increased insurance oversight.” During her 2014 campaign, in reference to the ACA, she said, “There are ways we can change it, modify it, and/or, if possible, repeal it.” During her 2020 campaign, she stated that she would work within the framework of the ACA. She opposes a single-payer, Medicare for All system. She has also said that she “couldn’t sit on the sidelines as the Affordable Care Act jeopardizes the health care of Iowans.”



MARIJUANA

In 2019, Miller-Meeks pledged to join a bipartisan group of state legislators in writing a letter to the federal government urging respect for state medical marijuana laws and asking to remove it from the Schedule 1 substance list. Miller-Meeks has been given a C grade by NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

While in the state Senate, Miller-Meeks worked to pass a bill that expanded access to mental health resources in schools. Miller-Meeks also supported a bill that allowed access to medications to treat opioid addiction without prior authorization from the state’s Medicaid program.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

In the state Senate, Miller-Meeks worked to improve transparency of prescription drug costs and supported a successful bill to bring more transparency to PBM rebates and fees.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No notable information found, but Miller-Meeks is a Veteran.



WOMEN’S HEALTH

As a state senator, Miller-Meeks worked to improve access to oral contraceptives for women, making it so women would not need to receive contraceptives solely on a monthly basis. She also worked to improve Medicaid access to prenatal care for legal permanent residents and suspend (rather than terminate) inmates’ Medicaid coverage for the entirety of their sentence. She opposes abortion, except in cases of rape, incest or harm to the mother.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Miller-Meeks served as the Iowa State Health Director under Governor Terry Branstad from 2011 to 2014. As a state senator, she worked to support legislation that would end the need for Medicaid preauthorization of CHANTIX (Varenicline), a drug to help individuals stop smoking. During this process, the Medicaid director said that they did not need to continue pursuing the legislation as the requirement would be waived. Relating to her practice as a physician, she has criticized the ACA’s requirement to keep electronic patient records, saying it impedes doctors’ ability to have face-to-face interactions with their patients.

DID YOU KNOW?

Miller-Meeks and her brother were severely burned in a kitchen fire when she was in high school. After seeing the kindness and attention given by a physical therapist during her recovery, she was inspired to pursue a career in medicine.

MARY
MILLER



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

61 (8/27/59)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

RELIGION

Christian

FAMILY

Married, seven children

 @MILLER_CONGRESS

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Business
Management and B.A. in
Elementary Education,
Eastern Illinois University

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

John Shimkus (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Miller won the GOP nomination to replace Rep. John Shimkus with 57.4% of the vote in a four-candidate primary.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Miller runs a family farm with her husband

BIOGRAPHY

Miller is a mother of seven and a grandmother of 17. Miller and her family have operated a grain and cattle farm for more than 40 years. Miller considers herself a political outsider, and her husband Chris is an Illinois State Representative.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

No information found



HEALTH COVERAGE

Miller opposes any “single payer” proposals. She has not been on the record about Obamacare. She says she wants to encourage health care competition and price transparency in the free market, allowing insurers to offer plans that cross state lines. She supports allowing workers to keep their health care plans even when they change jobs. Miller supports Medicare reform without reducing benefits to anyone currently in the program.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Miller sees addressing mental health issues as a “good first step to tackling gun crime.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Miller is pro-life. She supports the Hyde Amendment and defunding Planned Parenthood.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Miller hopes to enact tort reform to lower the cost of liability insurance for medical professionals.

Miller wishes to expand health savings account opportunities to produce health care cost savings.

DID YOU KNOW?

Miller has seven children and 17 grandchildren.

MARIE NEWMAN



Berwyn
Oak Lawn
Burbank



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

56 (4/13/64)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Journalism,
University of Wisconsin

 **@MARIE4CONGRESS**

KEY HEALTH LINK

Following the discovery that one of her children was being bullied in school, Newman created a nonprofit organization called Team Up to Stop Bullying with support from Sears. Due to this effort, Newman was appointed by former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to a regional anti-bullying task force and was asked by Sears Holdings Corporation to establish a national anti-bullying coalition of 70 nonprofit organizations.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Dan Lipinski (D), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Newman lost the Democratic primary in 2018 to Dan Lipinski. Newman was supported by a number of progressive advocacy organizations, including Justice Democrats and the Sunrise Movement. Newman narrowly defeated Lipinski, who, between him and his father, held the seat since 1983.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

President, Marie Newman & Associates

BIOGRAPHY

Newman worked at various marketing agencies and opened her own strategic marketing firm in 2005. Newman was appointed by former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to a regional anti-bullying task force. In 2018, Newman ran in the Democratic primary in the Illinois 3rd Congressional district against incumbent Democrat Dan Lipinski, ultimately losing.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Newman supports following CDC guidelines for COVID-19 safety. In addition, her campaign has worked to compile resources for constituents in need during the pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Newman sees Medicare for All as “tried and true” and “the only practical solution,” saying, “It is not only the best program, because it will actually contain costs and bring costs down, what I like best about it is that we don’t have to keep being restrictive. [Other plans] still have this highly restrictive network and you’re still going to be charged unpredictable deductibles and out-of-pocket[s]; pharmaceuticals will continue to skyrocket.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As a member of Congress, Newman intends to work to “reduce drug pricing significantly with negotiated pricing [and] trade with other countries.”



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Newman intends to work to “[bring] mental health services to all health care facilities, [decrease] the stigma of mental health diagnoses, and [restore] a budget for mental health research.”

Newman intends to work to combat the opioid crisis by “passing the CARE Act, which would expand funding for treatment, support, and research on addiction through a 2% a ‘wealth tax’ on ultra-millionaires,” “reduc[ing] opioid prescriptions by appropriating funding to research alternative treatments to pain and increasing federal penalties for pharmaceutical companies that overprescribe,” “educating health care providers about new initiatives for treatment and alternatives to opioids,” “expanding access and funding for addiction treatment and facilities in communities that need them the most” and “[increasing] the use of Naloxone by first responders.”



MARIJUANA

Newman supports the federal legalization of marijuana.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

As a member of Congress, Newman intends to work to expand medical care for Veterans through the VA system. This includes working to streamline the medical claims process and ensuring that the electronic medical records conversion happens on time and within budget. Newman also intends to work to expand access to mental health resources by increasing the number of locations where Veterans can seek care. In addition, Newman intends to work to increase the health and safety of active duty troops by calling for mandatory incinerator use, funding research on burn pit exposure, including burn pit exposure as a VA recognized disability, and pushing for “the recall and demotion of retired generals that allowed their troops to be exposed to the Afghanistan War version of ‘Agent Orange.’”



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Newman is pro-choice. She supports the repeal of the Hyde Amendment and supports the development of paid family leave policies. Newman has been endorsed by EMILY's List, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and NARAL Pro-Choice America.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Newman stated she wants to increase funding for cancer therapy and cancer research while in Congress. She also wants to see paid leave for people who have a sick child.

DID YOU KNOW?

Following her election, Newman thanked her Republican general election opponent Mike Friclone for running in the Republican primary against self-avowed neo-Nazi Art Jones, saying, “I would like to recognize Mike Friclone for running a very passionate race and for stepping up to prove that every single one of us in the 3rd District stands against Art Jones and hate.”

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

 @MRVAN4CONGRESS

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.

VICTORIA SPARTZ



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

42 (10/6/78)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

RELIGION

Orthodox Christian

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bachelors of International Economics, National University of Economics (Ukraine); MBA, National University of Economics (Ukraine); Master's of Professional Accountancy, Indiana University; Harvard Business School Executive Education Program on Health Care

KEY HEALTH LINK

Spartz's father, a chief engineer for the Russian government, was a victim of fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear accident. He died of stage four cancer at 41. Spartz has discussed her mother's struggle with depression.

 @VICTORIA_SPARTZ

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Indiana State Senate (20th District), 2017-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Susan Brooks (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Spartz won the Republican primary to succeed retiring Congresswoman Susan Brooks, earning 39.7% of the vote in a field of 15 candidates.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Indiana State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Spartz served on the adjunct faculty at the Kelley School of Business and worked at a large auditing firm. She owns real estate and farming businesses. Prior to succeeding Luke Kenley in the Indiana State Senate after his retirement in 2017, Spartz served as the CFO to the Indiana Attorney General. While in the State Senate, Spartz served on the Education and Career Development, Pensions and Labor, Environmental Affairs, Insurance and Financial Institutions Committees and as a Chair of the Audit and Financial Reporting Subcommittee of the Legislative Council.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Spartz supports social distancing and the wearing of masks. She intends to “continue to reduce regulatory hurdles, so lifesaving technology, materials and medicines get to Americans efficiently.” In April 2020, Spartz stated that she supported President Trump’s decision not to reopen ACA enrollment during the COVID-19 pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Spartz has not said on the record she wants to see the ACA repealed; however, she overtly supports free market health care and has criticized the Affordable Care Act. In May 2020, Spartz’s campaign released an ad stating that the candidate has “fought Obamacare” in the state senate but walked the language back in a later ad, saying she is a proponent of “major Health Care Reform.” As a state senator, Spartz voted against an amendment to ensure coverage for those with pre-existing conditions on short-term insurance plans and a requirement for insurance companies to cover children with pre-existing conditions.



MARIJUANA

Spartz opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

While a state senator, Spartz authored a bill that would “identify key cost drivers for Medicaid expenditures and reassess payment and legal infrastructure for mental health and addiction treatment services.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Spartz said, “We must keep our military strong and provide better services to our Veterans.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Spartz is pro-life and was endorsed by Right to Life Indiana. In an interview with the Indianapolis Star, she “did not indicate any scenario in which abortions should be allowed.” She also said that she would “[push] for the elimination of any public money to Planned Parenthood.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Spartz has argued for increased transparency in health care prices and believes health coverage is something that states can handle better than the federal government.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spartz was born and raised in Ukraine, which influenced her pro-market, anti-socialist policies. She met her husband Jason, a lifelong Indiana resident, on a train in Europe. She immigrated to the U.S. in 2000, and became a citizen in 2006.

JAKE LATURNER



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

32 (2/17/88)

RELIGION

Catholic

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, four children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Political Science and Government, Pittsburg State University (Kansas)

@JAKELATURNER

KEY HEALTH LINK

In his political career, LaTurner has been a champion for rural health access, particularly through the use of telehealth technologies.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICES

- Kansas State Treasurer, 2017-2021
- Kansas State Senate (13th District), 2013-2017

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Steve Watkins (R), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

In 2020, LaTurner announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate to succeed retiring Republican Pat Roberts. He ultimately dropped out of the race to pursue a campaign for the U.S. House in the 2nd District. Running against incumbent Republican Steve Watkins—who was facing several controversies, including being charged with interference with law enforcement, providing false information, voting without being qualified, unlawful advance voting and failing to notify the DMV of change of address—LaTurner won his primary election. LaTurner ran against Democrat Michelle De La Isla in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Kansas State Treasurer

BIOGRAPHY

LaTurner worked for Watco, one of the nation's top short-line rail companies. He was twice elected to represent the people of southeast Kansas in the state senate. LaTurner defeated incumbent Republican Senator Bob Marshall from Kansas' 13th State Senate District in 2012. LaTurner won his general election in 2012, becoming the youngest member of the State Senate at age 24. In 2016, he won re-election to his seat. Former Kansas Governor Sam Brownback appointed LaTurner to the position of state treasurer after Ron Estes won election to the U.S. House from Kansas' 4th District in a special election. LaTurner won re-election as state treasurer in 2018.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

LaTurner does not support a national mask mandate, stating it is a personal choice whether someone chooses to wear a mask. In an interview, LaTurner stated, "Job losses due to the pandemic are a serious problem, but people should not be making more on unemployment than they were when they were working."



HEALTH COVERAGE

LaTurner has said that, as a member of Congress, he will work to "allow the states to make health care solutions that tailor-fit their needs. Allow the states to regulate the industry, encourage competition across state lines, and support coverage of pre-existing conditions." He also supports association health plans for individuals and small businesses.



MARIJUANA

LaTurner opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

LaTurner is pro-life. He has said, "I believe that life begins at conception and all life is sacred." LaTurner supports the Born Again Abortion Survivors Protection Act. LaTurner earned the "2017 Pro-Life Hero Award" for his work on Simon's Law in Kansas.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

LaTurner supports expansion of telehealth resources as a "vital tool [for] connecting rural and underserved communications to medical professionals" and believes COVID telehealth changes should be made permanent. He also believes the 340B program should be preserved to continue to help hospitals who serve low income

patients in underserved communities. LaTurner would like to reduce regulatory burden on hospitals by eliminating the 96-hour physician certification rule and eliminating certain supervisory requirements for physician assistants. LaTurner supports the Community Health Access and Rural Transformation Model and endorses Rural Emergency Medical Center Act.

DID YOU KNOW?

Upon being appointed state treasurer, LaTurner became the youngest state official in the United States. LaTurner has stated that former Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins is one of the public officials he most respects.

TRACEY MANN



Manhattan
Salina
Hutchinson



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

44 (12/17/76)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

FAMILY

Married, four children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Agricultural Economics,
Kansas State University

@TRACEYMANNKS

KEY HEALTH LINK

Mann's priority for health care will be protecting access to quality health care for rural America.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Lieutenant Governor of Kansas, 2018-2019

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Roger Marshall (R), declined re-election to run for U.S. Senate

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Mann received 54% of the vote to win the four-candidate GOP primary. Mann previously ran for the Republican nomination in the Kansas 1st district in 2010, placing third in the GOP primary.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Lieutenant Governor of Kansas

BIOGRAPHY

Mann is the managing director and principal of Newmark Grubb Zimmer, a commercial real estate company located in Kansas City. He also owns a farm in Quinter, KS. Prior to politics, Mann was senior program director for the National Student Leadership Forum on Faith and Values. In 1997, Mann served as an intern for then-Rep. Jerry Moran. Two weeks after Jeff Colyer ascended to the office of Governor of Kansas, Mann was appointed to serve as Colyer's Lieutenant Governor in February 2018. He served for one year.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Mann is in favor of individuals taking precautions against the coronavirus, but encourages a wide reopening of economic activity. He said he is “skeptical” of passing any additional COVID-19 aid that he considers a “blue state bailout,” citing the size of the federal debt. He wants to ensure that the CARES Act does not unduly burden health care providers and hospitals with arduous federal accounting requirements.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Mann says he “rejects” the ACA and endorses a free market approach to health insurance. He wants to strengthen Medicare funding and stated in an interview that, “due to Obamacare’s financial ramifications, [Medicare] has been robbed of roughly \$800 billion in the ten years since the law has passed.” He supports coverage for pre-existing conditions and expanding use of health savings accounts. He wants insurance companies to compete across state lines and have total cost transparency.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As lieutenant governor, Mann was part of the governor’s substance abuse task force and visited a number of mental and behavioral health facilities in Kansas.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Mann is pro-life and opposes taxpayer funding for abortions.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Mann lists supporting a strong rural hospital network and rural access to primary care physicians as key health care priorities. He does not think the

340B program needs to be changed. He would also like to see new rural hospital categorization options that give more flexibility to receive Medicare and Medicaid funds. He is highly supportive of telehealth adoption and appropriate reimbursement.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mann was the fifth generation to live in his family’s farmhouse, a house which his great-great-grandfather ordered from a Montgomery Ward catalogue in the early 1900s. He was part of seven state championship teams in high school including football, track, quiz bowl and parliamentary procedure.

JULIA LETLOW



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

40 (3/16/1981)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

MILITARY SERVICE

N/A

RELIGION

Presbyterian

FAMILY

Widowed, 2 children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A., M.A. in Speech Communications,
University of Louisiana at Monroe;
Ph.D. in Communication, University of
South Florida



KEY HEALTH LINK

In 2015, Letlow's mother, Kathi Barnhill, was diagnosed with breast cancer. For treatment, Mrs. Barnhill underwent 10 months of chemotherapy, radiation and various surgeries.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY

While her late husband, Luke, pursued a career in politics and had been elected to this seat in 2020, Letlow had not previously sought elected office. Having pursued a career in higher education, Letlow has most recently taught and held administrative positions on the faculty of the University of Louisiana at Monroe. In 2020, Letlow was a semifinalist for President of ULM, but was ultimately not selected. Additionally, Letlow is the President of the Jeremy Barnhill Foundation for Christian Teens, an organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to young people for participation in Christian activities. The foundation was created by Letlow and her siblings following the death of their brother in a car accident.

Photo courtesy of Julia Letlow's Facebook

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Ralph Abraham (R), retired

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Executive Assistant to the President for External Affairs and Community Outreach, University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM)

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

In 2020, Letlow's late husband, Luke, received the most votes in the nonpartisan primary for Louisiana's 5th Congressional District, but did not clear the 50% threshold needed to avoid a runoff election. He ran against fellow Republican Lance Harris in the December 5 runoff election, ultimately winning with 62% of the vote. Luke tragically passed away due to complications from the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020, before he could be seated in Congress. In January 2021, Julia chose to launch her campaign seeking this seat. On March 20, 2021, Letlow received roughly 64.9% of the vote in the nonpartisan primary for the 5th District, winning the seat outright. Letlow is the first Republican woman to represent Louisiana in Congress.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Letlow's late husband, Luke Letlow, passed away from complications from the COVID-19 virus on December 29, 2020. While Luke backed social distancing measures and mask wearing during his campaign, there were also photos taken of him and posted to his social media accounts showing him campaigning indoors, at times without a mask. Additionally, he argued for loosening restrictions when the pandemic ebbed over the summer of 2020.

While campaigning for the Louisiana's 5th District in her own right, Letlow was careful to wear a mask when around others in public, saying, "I want to wear that mask and make sure that I'm protecting them."

Letlow opposes the American Rescue Plan Act, which was signed into law by President Biden in March 2021.



HEALTH COVERAGE

N/A



MARIJUANA

N/A



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

N/A



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

N/A



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Letlow's campaign website states that she "will always support the men and women who protect our country at home and abroad."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Letlow's campaign website describes her as "100% Pro-Life," and states that she "has been a devout Christian her entire life and will always fight for the unborn."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Letlow's campaign website states that "seniors are the greatest generation who paved the way for us, and we need to ensure they receive the best care in the world." Additionally, her campaign website states that she "will work to end the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) which unfairly penalizes retirees' Social Security benefits."

DID YOU KNOW?

Letlow's dissertation is titled, "Giving Meaning to Grief: The Role of Rituals and Stories in Coping with Sudden Family Loss," and was dedicated to her late brother, Jeremy.

Letlow competed in track and field while in high school, earning a state championship title for the long jump.

JAKE AUCHINCLOSS



Fall River
New Bedford
Newton



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

32 (1/29/88)

RELIGION

Jewish

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, one child

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man



ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Government and Economics,
Harvard College;
M.B.A. Finance Track Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

MILITARY SERVICE

After graduating from Harvard in 2010, Auchincloss served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, commanding infantry in Afghanistan and a reconnaissance unit in Panama. Auchincloss retired from the military in 2015.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Auchincloss' mother, Laurie Glimcher, is the first female CEO of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. His father, Hugh Auchincloss, is Dr. Tony Fauci's top deputy and his brother Hugh is a thoracic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital who led teams in COVID response. His sister, Kalah Auchincloss, served as Deputy Chief of Staff for two FDA Commissioners.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Newton City Councilmember At-Large, 2015-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Joe Kennedy (D), declined to seek re-election in order to enter the Democratic primary for MA Senate

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Auchincloss ran in the 2020 Democratic Primary in Massachusetts' 4th Congressional District in a field of nine candidates. He took on Republican Julie Hall in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Newton City Councilmember

BIOGRAPHY

Auchincloss served in the Marines until running for office in 2015, seeking the at-large City Council seat in Newton, MA. He was re-elected in 2017 and 2019. While on the City Council, Auchincloss served as Chair of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Auchincloss intends to make his first priority increasing access to COVID-19 testing and promoting legislation that is science-based. He wants to provide federal aid for public schools and “be a champion for jobs and a green economic recovery” in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Auchincloss strongly supports protecting and expanding the ACA. He does not support Medicare for All, saying, “Health care should be a right, and I would support a bill that gets us to universal access. But I would not support doubling the federal budget and eliminating private insurance for the 85% of Americans who have it, in one fell swoop. We need to take a hybrid approach, to begin, that includes a robust public option.”



MARIJUANA

Auchincloss believes that marijuana policy should be left to the states. In 2016, Auchincloss voiced his opposition to Massachusetts’ ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Auchincloss attended a political rally with Sen. Markey in support of urgently expanding medication-assisted treatment to help save lives. He also supports federal government support for wrap-around services for mental health. He supports safe consumption sites.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Auchincloss supports allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices and allowing importation of drugs from Canada and other countries, a faster approval process for generics and price transparency from pharma. He does not support federal government manufacturing generics.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found, although Auchincloss is a Veteran.



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Auchincloss is pro-choice. As a member of Congress, Auchincloss intends to work to defend Title X, strengthen the ACA’s birth control mandate, eliminate the global gag rule, codify *Roe v. Wade* into law, push for the elimination of the Hyde Amendment and support senators that will vote for “pro-choice federal judges.”



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Auchincloss supports federal legislation to ensure that workers can take up to 12 weeks of paid leave for a pregnancy, birth, adoption or serious illness of themselves or a family member. He favors increased federal support for the life sciences, a major industry in Massachusetts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The second wife of Auchincloss’ grandfather Hugh D. Auchincloss—Nina S. Vidal—was the mother of American writer and intellectual Gore Vidal. His grandfather’s third wife, Janet Lee Bouvier, was the mother of former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

LISA MCCLAIN



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

54 (4/7/66)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B. A. in Business Administration,
Northwood University

 @LISAFORCONGRESS

KEY HEALTH LINK

McClain is the president of a charity that supports drug courts and has raised money for multiple sclerosis and Type 1 diabetes.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Senior Vice President, Hantz Group

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Paul Mitchell (R), retired

BIOGRAPHY

McClain is a self-branded political outsider who has worked as district manager for American Express Financial Advisors and senior vice president/co-founder of Hantz Group, a financial services company. She was the president of North End Support Team, which helps fund expenses such as counseling, drug testing and transportation for drug court participants.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

McClain won the GOP primary to replace Rep. Paul Mitchell in a three-candidate race, garnering 41.7% of votes.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

McClain is “opposed to government-mandated vaccinations that are against an individual’s religious, philosophical or medical beliefs, including parental decisions around vaccinations for their children.”

McClain believes “COVID-19 patients should be not be held liable for non-covered insurance costs.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

McClain supports repealing the ACA and replacing it with a free market approach to health care coverage that starts with individual responsibility. She supports “sending Medicaid to the state level” and wants to focus on inefficiencies with Medicare to reduce costs and fraud. McClain supports expanding the use of health savings accounts and allowing health care coverage to be purchased across state lines.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

McClain led the formation of the Macomb District 43-1B Drug Court by founding and serving as the the president of North End Support Team for four years. The organization helps fund expenses such as counseling, drug testing and transportation for drug court participants.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

McClain has vowed to fight for high quality care, accountability and transparency within the VA.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

McClain describes herself as “100% pro-life,” supporting a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. She opposes taxpayer funding of abortion and abortion providers.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

McClain was a three-sport athlete in high school and has coached her daughter’s softball team for the past decade. She has three children, including one adopted Black son.

PETER MEIJER



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE
32 (1/10/88)

RACE/ETHNICITY
Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION
Man

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MILITARY SERVICE

Meijer attended West Point for one year before transferring to Columbia University. While a student, Meijer joined the U.S. Army Reserve, putting off his studies while he was deployed to Iraq as an intelligence advisor from 2010 to 2011.

RELIGION
Christian

FAMILY
Married

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
B.A. in Cultural Anthropology,
Columbia University; MBA, New York
University

KEY HEALTH LINK

Meijer is a passionate champion of Veterans and military families.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED
Justin Amash (L), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT
Meijer ran against Democrat Hillary Scholten to succeed Libertarian Justin Amash in representing Michigan's 3rd Congressional District. Amash chose not to seek re-election after leaving the Republican Party and voting to impeach President Trump.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION
Analyst, Olympia Development

BIOGRAPHY
From 2013 to 2015, Meijer worked as a conflict analyst for International NGO Safety Organisation. He was later employed by Olympia Development of Michigan of Ilitch Holdings as an analyst. Meijer launched his campaign in July 2019 following Representative Justin Amash's departure from the Republican Party. Meijer received support from a number of prominent business families such as the DeVos family, as well as Congressional Republicans like Dan Crenshaw, Kevin McCarthy, Steve Scalise and Tom Cotton.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

During his campaign, Meijer worked over a 12-week period to provide care packages to almost 3,000 individuals during the first several months of the COVID-19 pandemic. He has stated he supports a second COVID relief package.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Meijer has pledged to repeal and replace the ACA. He stated that he supports protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions. He has also said that he supports "market-based reforms that reduce the costs of life-saving medication while protecting innovation."



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Meijer has been a long-time volunteer at Veterans organizations such as Team Rubicon, a nonprofit disaster response and humanitarian aid organization that organizes military Veterans to respond to crises. He serves on the Board of Directors for Student Veterans of America, an advocacy and support group that eases Veterans from combat life to college life.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Meijer is pro-life. He has said that he will "defend life from conception to natural death" and that he opposes federal funding for abortions.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Meijer supports expanding health savings accounts.

DID YOU KNOW?

Meijer is the grandson of Frederik Meijer, founder of the Meijer supermarket chain. Meijer's stores are primarily located in the midwest, and the company has been listed by Forbes and Fortune as among the largest private companies in the US. In 2006, Meijer stores began offering free antibiotics, prenatal vitamins and select generics with a prescription from a doctor, regardless of a patient's insurance or copay.

MICHELLE FISCHBACH



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

55 (11/3/65)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

 @FISCHBACHMN7

RELIGION

Catholic

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Political Science and Economics, St. Cloud State University; J.D., William Mitchell School of Law

KEY HEALTH LINK

Fischbach served on the Health and Human Services Finance and Policy Committee in the MN Senate.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Lt. Governor of Minnesota, 2018-2019
- President of the Minnesota Senate, 2011-2013, 2017-2018
- Minnesota Senate, 1996-2018
 - 14th District, 1996-2013
 - 13th District, 2013-2018

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Collin Peterson (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Fischbach received a majority of the votes in the Republican primary for Minnesota's 7th Congressional District, running in a field with four other Republicans. She defeated incumbent Democrat Collin Peterson for the U.S. House seat.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Lt. Governor of Minnesota

BIOGRAPHY

Fischbach is the first Republican to hold this district's seat in thirty years. Fischbach was first elected to office in 1996 during a special state senate election after incumbent Senator Joe Bertram resigned from office. She served until 2018; in that time, she served as state senate president (first woman) twice. In 2018, Fischbach ascended to the lieutenant governorship of Minnesota when sitting Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith was appointed to Minnesota's empty U.S. Senate seat due to the resignation of incumbent Democratic Senator Al Franken. In 2018, former Republican Governor Tim Pawlenty, in the midst of his campaign for a third term, announced Fischbach as his running mate. Pawlenty and Fischbach were defeated in the Republican gubernatorial primary. Fischbach served on a number of committees over her tenure including: Finance, Health and Human Services Finance and Policy, Higher Education Finance and Policy (which she chaired), Commerce and Rules and Administration.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Fischbach opposes Minnesota Governor Tim Walz's emergency powers and executive orders intended to limit the spread of the COVID-19. Fischbach has described Governor Walz's powers as "one man rule" in Minnesota. She does not believe in "a one-size-fits-all national mask mandate."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Fischbach wants the ACA repealed and replaced. Fischbach has stated, "Obamacare was a disaster that took important health care choices away from millions of Americans. I will ... protect the promises we have made to our seniors and pass patient-centered reforms that increase competition and lower costs, without sacrificing protections for individuals with pre-existing conditions." She wants medical care price transparency and wants to see telehealth options expanded. She also supports association health plans.



MARIJUANA

Fischbach opposes the legalization of marijuana and has received an F rating from NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In 2018, Fischbach was one of six Minnesota state senators who chose to vote against a bill which would have imposed "\$20 million in annual fees on pharmaceutical companies to fund prevention and treatment programs and county social services to address the opioid addiction epidemic."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

When asked how she would work as a member of Congress to lower the cost of prescription drugs, Fischbach stated: "There are many good proposals for addressing the cost of prescription drugs. We can establish an out-of-pocket cap and allow seniors to spread their out-of-pocket expenses across the entire calendar year. Any discounts negotiated by pharmacy benefit managers should absolutely be passed along to the consumer. We can also stop 'pay for delay,' when drug manufacturers pay generic drug manufacturers to keep their lower cost alternatives out of pharmacies."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Fischbach has stated: "After serving, our Veterans deserve to be welcomed home with honor by a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that puts them and their families first ... I will fight for our Veterans to ensure they have access to world-class health care and workforce development programs."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Fischbach is pro-life but would permit abortions to protect the life of the mother. She supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act and opposes funding for Planned Parenthood coming from any level of government. Fischbach has received a 100% lifetime rating from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life and has been endorsed by pro-life organizations such as National Right to Life and the Susan B. Anthony List. Her husband, Scott, has served as the Executive Director of the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life for nearly twenty years.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Fischbach wants to look "at waste created by duplicative and ineffective programs and [will] always be on guard to root out fraud and abuse." She supports Medicare covering all COVID-related health care costs and better testing and public health measures in nursing homes. She supports home-based health care as an option and "will make sure that seniors who remain in their homes can receive high-quality care and comfort when they have these problems."

Fischbach introduced unsuccessful legislation in the MN Senate to authorize stiripentol, an investigational drug be used if no other drug was working to treat Dravet syndrome, as well as a bill to increase the tax deduction for long-term care insurance to help ease what she believes is a large problem.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fischbach met her husband, Scott, while working on a campaign for former U.S. Senator Rudy Boschwitz. Her husband Scott is the Executive Director of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

CORI
BUSH



Saint Louis
Florissant
Ferguson



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

44 (7/21/76)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

FAMILY

Two children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Graduate RN Diploma, Lutheran
School of Nursing

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KEY HEALTH LINK

Bush is a registered nurse and has worked at a variety of health facilities, from hospitals to mental health clinics. She served as a “pop up” medic during the Ferguson protests of 2014 after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown, which she credits for inspiring her to get become politically active.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Nursing Supervisor, Hopewell Health Centers

INCUMBENT REPLACED

William Lacy Clay (D), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Bush beat incumbent Democrat William Lacy Clay in a narrow primary victory. Bush received endorsements from various figures and organizations within the progressive wing of the Democratic Party, including Senator Bernie Sanders, former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner, Justice Democrats and the Sunrise Movement.

BIOGRAPHY

Bush is a registered nurse and worked at SSM Health St. Louis Hospital from 2008 to 2011. Among her responsibilities, Bush worked as a charge nurse responsible for critical transplant patients. Beginning in 2013, Bush worked as a nursing supervisor at Hopewell Health Centers in St. Louis. She also worked at a mental health clinic. Bush’s father was an alderman and former mayor. Bush first ran for U.S. Senate in 2016 and placed second in the primary. In 2018, Bush lost her challenge for MO-1, which was held by Democrat William Lacy Clay. She then beat Clay in the 2020 Democratic primary and Republican Anthony Rogers in the general election.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Early into the COVID-19 pandemic, Bush was hospitalized with symptoms similar to those affiliated with the coronavirus, though she tested negative. The doctors treating her told her it was likely she had the disease and should self-quarantine.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Bush supports Medicare for All. Her website states: "Medicare For All will eliminate copays, deductibles, and premiums and will cover medical, dental, vision, hearing, reproductive care, maternity care, home health, comprehensive mental health services, substance use treatment, prescription drugs, hospital services, long-term care—you name it, it's covered."



MARIJUANA

Bush is in favor of legalizing marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Bush worked at a mental health clinic. Bush intends to work towards a Medicare for All system that would cover comprehensive mental health services and substance abuse treatment. Bush wants to generally increase access to mental health resources, including expanding mental health via telehealth.

Bush wants to expand use of diversion programs like drug courts for nonviolent crimes such as drug possession.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Bush intends for prescription drugs to be covered in her preferred Medicare for All system. She intends to use her influence to "stop the pharmaceutical industry from price-gouging."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

In September 2020, Bush attended a Labor Day protest in solidarity with Veterans Affairs employees across the country were demanding more fair contracts.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Bush intends to "advocate for reproductive justice to ensure low-income women, women of color, and trans people have access to comprehensive reproductive health care that includes education, prevention, treatment, assistance, and support," "champion Medicare for All to guarantee that everyone can access reproductive and maternity health care services, regardless of their income," "vote to repeal the Hyde Amendment" and "vote to fully fund Planned Parenthood, Title X, and other initiatives that protect people's access to reproductive health care including contraception, STI testing, and abortion services."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bush has stated that, as a member of Congress, she intends to work to "eliminate medical debt," "increase the number of doctors, clinics, and hospitals" and "invest in innovative research programs to develop new life-saving drugs."

She wants to advance more preventive care, stating, "Preventive measures, such as childhood immunizations and health education for adults regarding daily low-dose aspirin, will save enormous amounts of money and reduce medical costs."

Additionally, Bush intends to increase funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) specifically for training programs to increase the number of black doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, therapists, dentists, and other medical and dental providers.

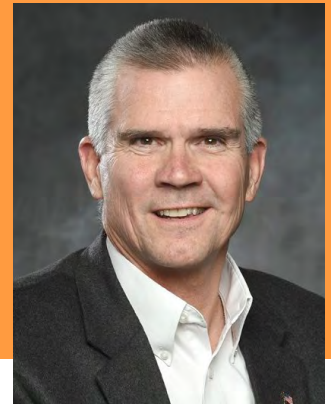
DID YOU KNOW?

Bush will be the first Black woman in Congress from Missouri. She founded a church and is a pastor. She was formally homeless and has discussed her experience as a victim of domestic violence.

MATT ROSENDALE



Billings
Missoula
Great Falls



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

60 (7/7/60)

RELIGION

Catholic

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Chesapeake College
(no degree specified)

 @MATTFORMONTANA

KEY HEALTH LINK

Rosendale worked to pass a reinsurance program in Montana that helped decrease health care insurance premiums and could be used as a model for other states.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Montana State Auditor, 2017-2021
- Montana State Senate (18th District), 2013-2017
- Montana State House of Representatives (38th District), 2011-2013

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Greg Gianforte (R), retired to run for governor of Montana

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Rosendale ran against Democrat Kathleen Williams to succeed Republican Greg Gianforte in the at-large congressional district in Montana.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Montana State Auditor/Insurance Commissioner

BIOGRAPHY

Rosendale spent his career working in real estate and land management. He grew his family real estate business into a full-service firm with 65 agents and four offices. He served twice as chairman of the Glendive Agri-Trade Expo committee. Rosendale first ran for the Montana State House in 2010. He served one term in the State House before being elected to the State Senate in 2012. In 2014, Rosendale was elected by his colleagues to serve as Senate Majority Leader. In 2016, he was elected to serve as Montana's state auditor. Rosendale served on the Business and Labor, Transportation and Local Government Committees when he was in the State House. He served on the Finance and Claims, Highways and Transportation and Natural Resources Committees in the state senate. He also served as Vice Chair of the Natural Resources and Transportation Committee and Chair of the Rules Committee while in the senate. Rosendale had an unsuccessful bid for U.S. Senate in 2018.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Rosendale has spoken positively of President Trump's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including his distribution of PPE and easing of regulations relating to telemedicine. Rosendale has supported "pro-business policies" to "keep our economy open."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Rosendale wants ACA repealed and replaced. He supports protections for pre-existing conditions and Direct Primary Care agreements, working in support of both policies during his time as state auditor. He also worked to pass a reinsurance program which was largely responsible for lowering health insurance premiums in the state of Montana, a program which would not be lawful if the ACA was repealed.



MARIJUANA

Rosendale opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As state auditor, Rosendale supported House Bill 142, the Mental Health Parity Act. This legislation requires health insurance policies to cover mental health treatments at the same level it covers physical health.

During an interview with NBC Montana, Rosendale responded to a question asking what needed to be done to stop the opioid epidemic by saying, "We must secure our borders. Drugs are pouring into our country and ripping our communities apart because of illegal immigration."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As state auditor, Rosendale supported Montana Senate Bill 71, which would have placed new rules on contracts between health insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs). This bill would only have applied to individual health insurance plans, which make up about 7% of plans in the state, and there were mixed thoughts as to whether the rules would have lowered costs. The bill was ultimately vetoed by Governor Steve Bullock, with the state legislature unable to override the veto. Another piece of legislation, Senate Bill 83, which established new rules for PBMs, passed both

chambers of the state legislature and was signed into law by Governor Bullock.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

As a member of Congress, Rosendale intends to "fight the D.C. status quo and work to unwind the red tape at the VA."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Rosendale describes himself as "100% pro-life." He opposes funding for Planned Parenthood from any level of government and supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Rosendale has stated that he will not support any reduction in Medicare or Social Security benefits.

DID YOU KNOW?

During his 2018 campaign against incumbent Democrat Jon Tester to represent Montana in the U.S. Senate, Rosendale challenged Tester to a fence building contest.

MADISON CAWTHORN



Asheville
Hendersonville
Waynesville



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

25 (8/1/95)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Engaged

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Homeschooled; one semester at
Patrick Henry College

 @CAWTHORNFORN

KEY HEALTH LINK

Cawthorn credits surviving a 2014 car crash, which left him partially paralyzed, to the free market health care system in the U.S. "I believe I'm alive today because we don't have a single-payer system, which invariably rations care, limits choices and lowers quality." Cawthorn's fiancée is a fitness instructor studying to be an anesthesiologist.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Mark Meadows (R), resigned to serve as White House Chief of Staff

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Owner, SPQR Holdings, LLC (a real estate investment company)

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Cawthorn placed second in the Republican primary to succeed Rep. Meadows in representing North Carolina's 11th Congressional District. Because no candidate won a majority of the vote, Cawthorn advanced to a runoff election against Lynda Bennett. Bennett was endorsed by Republican politicians President Trump, Rep. Meadows, Sen. Ted Cruz and Rep. Jim Jordan. Cawthorn won the runoff election and took on Democrat Morris Davis in the general election.

BIOGRAPHY

Cawthorn is the owner of SPQR Holdings, LLC, a real estate investment company. Cawthorn's run for Congress was his first foray into electoral politics. Before running for Congress, Cawthorn worked as a Staff Assistant in Rep. Mark Meadows' district office.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Cawthorn has said, "Helping Western North Carolina emerge from this once-in-a-century pandemic will be my top priority in Congress." He has also said that in reopening, "We need to be guided by science and common sense, not politics." Cawthorn has criticized the aspects of the CARES Act related to unemployment payments, saying, "I think that we should have focused more on giving money to small business owners so that we can keep people getting their paychecks from their employers instead of relying on unemployment."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Cawthorn wants to see the ACA repealed and replaced with a free market approach to health care, saying, "the problem is not that the free market has failed in health care. The problem is that it has never really been tried."



MARIJUANA

Cawthorn supports federal legalization of medical and recreational marijuana, though he believes states should be allowed to choose to criminalize it. Cawthorn has received an A rating from NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Cawthorn is pro-life. He is a supporter of the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act and opposes funding for Planned Parenthood from any level of government.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

When he was 18, Cawthorn was involved in a car accident that left him paralyzed and using a wheelchair. He has stated that the accident left him with over \$3 million in medical debt.

DID YOU KNOW?

At 25, Cawthorn will be the youngest member of the House of Representatives ever. Cawthorn has said, "There's a generational time bomb going off in the Republican Party," adding that he wants to "carry the message of conservatism in a way that doesn't seem so abrasive—that has better packaging...better messaging."

KATHY MANNING



Greensboro
High Point
Winston-Salem



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

64 (12/3/1956)

RELIGION

Jewish

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in History, Harvard University;
J.D., University of Michigan
Law School

 @KATHYMANINGNC

KEY HEALTH LINK

Manning was inspired to run for Congress after helping her daughter's years-long fight for access to health care for her chronic disease and getting frustrated by threats to "take away health care from millions of people" by repealing the ACA.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Partner, Manning and Associates

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Mark Walker (R), retired

BIOGRAPHY

Manning is a partner at a firm where she practices immigration law. She previously served as director of the Jewish Federations of North America. Manning was the Democratic candidate in 2018 for North Carolina's 13th Congressional District, losing to incumbent Republican Ted Budd.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

After North Carolina was ordered to redraw its Congressional map, Manning chose to run for Congress in the 6th district. Manning won the Democratic nomination in a field of five candidates. She ran against Republican Lee Haywood to succeed retiring Republican Mark Walker in representing the district.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Manning has criticized President Trump's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including his not wearing masks, not social distancing, not leading more in PPE production and not working enough to expand testing and contact tracing.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Manning is a proponent of the ACA and expanding it to include a public option/universal coverage.



MARIJUANA

Manning opposes prison sentences for marijuana possession, but is undecided regarding legalization.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Manning supports increasing access to mental health and addiction treatment, particularly to fight the opioid crisis. Manning has said that, "We need to be working with first responders to make sure they have the support and medications that they need. We need to make sure there are the treatment centers that will help people get over their addiction, but first and foremost we need to make sure that we're not throwing people off their health insurance [by not protecting people with pre-existing conditions]."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Manning believes that Medicare should be able to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies and that more should be done to prevent price gouging.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Manning believes that, "Our heroes deserve access to affordable and excellent continuing education, top-quality and timely health care and economic opportunities when they come home."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Manning is pro-choice. She has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and EMILY's List.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

While attending undergrad at Harvard, Manning was the co-founder of their first all-female acapella group, The Radcliffe Pitches.

Manning was the first woman to chair the Board of Trustees for the Jewish Federations of North America, which is one of the largest charitable, faith-based organizations in the world.

DEBORAH ROSS



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

57 (6/20/63)

RELIGION

Unitarian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in International Relations, Brown University; J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law



KEY HEALTH LINK

Ross made expanding health care access her number one legislative priority.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- North Carolina House of Representatives (34th District), 2013
- North Carolina House of Representatives (38th District), 2003-2013

INCUMBENT REPLACED

George Holding (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Ross won the 2020 Democratic Primary for North Carolina's 2nd Congressional District in a field with three other candidates. She ran against Republican Alan Swain to succeed Republican George Holding, who chose not to seek re-election in 2020. This district was redrawn after a State Court ruled that the State's Congressional map was gerrymandered in an unconstitutional manner.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Counsel, Fox Rothschild LLP

BIOGRAPHY

Ross made her career as a civil liberties lawyer, including serving as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) State Director for nearly eight years. She most recently worked at a private law firm. Ross first ran for office in 2002 and was elected as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. She served in the North Carolina House through 2013. During this time she sat on the Education, Elections, Finance, Judiciary, Appropriations, Pensions and Retirement and the Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House Committees. She also served as Vice Chair of the Ethics Committee. In 2016, Ross ran for the U.S. Senate in North Carolina against incumbent Republican Richard Burr. Ross was defeated in that race.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Ross has criticized President Trump for his response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including his not wearing masks. Ross supports the passage of the HEROES Act.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Ross wants to see ACA broadened to include a public option for universal coverage. She would also like for people ages 55 to 65 to be eligible for subsidized Medicare, even at a higher premium.



MARIJUANA

Ross supports the legalization of medical marijuana. She has been given a B rating by NORML, indicating support for medical marijuana as well as decriminalization of the possession of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

While a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Ross worked to have health care companies cover mental health treatments.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Ross supports allowing Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to lower prices for prescription drugs.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Ross is pro-choice and often touts her work as a lawyer to maintain access to abortion. She has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund and EMILY's List.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

As a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, Ross worked to require health care companies to cover autism treatments. Ross would like increased paid sick leave and supports raising the cap on payroll taxes for higher earners to pay more into the Social Security and Medicare systems. In the state house, Ross cosponsored a successful bill that expanded pharmacists immunization authority. She also co-sponsored legislation that would provide tax incentives to encourage delivery

and availability of nutrient dense food in food desert zones, although it did not pass.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ross was the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) State Director for nearly eight years.

YVETTE HERRELL



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

56 (3/16/64)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Native American

FAMILY

Divorced

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Legal Administration, ITT Technical Institute in Boise, Idaho

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KEY HEALTH LINK

Herrell served on the Health, Welfare and Indian Affairs Committee in the NM House. She championed numerous health issues, introducing various anti-abortion bills and bills that were supportive of midwifery and school nursing.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

New Mexico House of Representatives (51st District), 2011-2019

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Xochitl Torres Small (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Herrell won the GOP primary, besting two other candidates, and was victorious over Democrat Xochitl Torres Small in the general election, a rematch following their 2018 race against each other.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the New Mexico House of Representatives
- Small business owner

BIOGRAPHY

Herrell has made her career as a realtor and owned several small businesses. Herrell was first elected to office in 2010, when she joined the New Mexico House of Representatives. She was re-elected three times. She sat on the Health, Government and Indian Affairs, Business and Industry, Business and Employment and State Government, Indian & Veterans Affairs Committees. Herrell also served as Chair of the Regulatory and Public Affairs Committee during the 2015 legislative session. In 2018, Herrell was the Republican nominee in New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District, ultimately falling short of Democrat Xochitl Torres Small. She will be part of the all-woman NM House delegation.

DID YOU KNOW?

Herrell is the first Cherokee woman elected to Congress and the first Republican Native American woman in Congress.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Herrell has criticized the media for flip-flopping and its portrayal of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also criticized New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham for what she perceives as unjustified actions to limit activities. She supports a balance of mortality risk with “looking at reopening our economy and our schools... If we take a look at the neighboring states in this region, our unemployment rate is almost twice as much.” Herrell has made statements voicing concerns regarding additional COVID-19 relief funding, citing the federal deficit and her belief that aid to state and local governments would amount to “‘handouts’ to those who were not responsible.” She said she believes Congress acted in the best interest of the American people to protect people from financial hardships, but funds should not have gone to large institutions like the Kennedy Center or Harvard. She believes individual states, communities and business owners need flexibility about when to reopen.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Herrell wants to repeal and replace the ACA with a free market-based, patient-centered health care system that would also contain protections for pre-existing conditions. She believes consumers should be able to select “physicians, policy plans, premium choices and coverage limits that work for their families and their businesses.”



MARIJUANA

Herrell opposes the legalization of marijuana and received a D rating from NORML. While in the State House, Herrell voted in favor of HB195, which would have specified that employers are not liable for medical marijuana workers’ compensation costs. Herrell also voted against HB465, which would have reduced the penalties for marijuana possession.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Herrell campaign website stated that, “We must reduce the stigma around mental health care for children and adults. [She] will work to ensure every American who needs help has access to mental health professionals.” When asked about the opioid epidemic, Herrell stated that, “We have to secure our borders...It is a national crisis that should be strongly addressed at the national, state and local levels.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Herrell supports “easing rules on access to generic medications.” In the NM House, she sponsored unsuccessful legislation that would permit students to carry and self-administer medication for conditions like asthma and would permit emergency administration by school administrators.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Herrell has stated that Veterans “...must be taken care of when they return home. The families of service members must be included in health care and education benefits.” Herrell has stated that, “Mental health care is a necessary component when providing complete coverage. Veterans should have local options to consider when seeking health care.”



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Herrell is pro-life, with an exception for the life of the mother, and authored a number of pro-life bills while in the NM House. She supports the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act and opposes funding for Planned Parenthood from any level of government. While in the NM House, Herrell championed midwifery. She passed a successful bill to provide malpractice insurance premium assistance for certified nurse-midwives or physicians whose insurance premium costs jeopardize their ability to continue their obstetrics practices in New Mexico. She also co-authored a bill to extend the rights of lay midwives to administer a limited formulary of drugs and devices. The bill passed both chambers but was pocket vetoed by the governor.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Herrell supports expanding rural health care, including building medical infrastructure in rural areas as well as incentivizing medical professionals to practice in rural areas. She authored an unsuccessful bill that would require each public school district to employ at least one full time registered nurse and other pro-school nurse legislation.

TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

61 (7/1/59)

FAMILY

Divorced, three children

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Latin American Studies, Yale University; Graduate work, Economic Development and Planning, University of Texas at Austin; J.D., Stanford University

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman



KEY HEALTH LINK

Leger Fernandez is a breast cancer survivor, and she often wears a butterfly necklace that reminds her of her sister and mother, who both passed away from lung cancer. She also has two brothers who died of addiction-related causes.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- White House Fellow under the Clinton Administration
- Vice Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation under the Obama Administration

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Ben Ray Luján (D), declined to seek re-election in order to run for U.S. Senate in New Mexico

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Leger Fernandez won the Democratic primary against six other Democrats, most notably Valerie Plame, a former CIA officer whose identity was published shortly after the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003. She ran against Republican Alexis Johnson to succeed Democrat Ben Ray Luján, who chose to run for one of New Mexico's U.S. Senate seats.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Counsel and strategist, Leger Law & Strategy

BIOGRAPHY

Fernandez is a practicing lawyer working on impact litigation, financing, tribal law, business development, leasing, policy development, civil rights, voting rights and cultural preservation. Leger Fernandez served as a White House fellow under the Clinton Administration and as vice chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation under the Obama Administration. This was Leger Fernandez's first run for office.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Leger Fernandez supports additional federal funding for testing and contact tracing infrastructure. In addition, she supports additional COVID-19 stimulus spending, including funding for sectors such as infrastructure and clean energy. She wants to see disaster relief cost sharing and more governmental support for Indigenous peoples. She also wants the next COVID package to increase funding for safety-net hospitals and rural health clinics. She believes any testing paid for by the federal government should include all immigrants, inmates, nursing home residents and individuals experiencing homelessness.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Leger Fernandez supports Medicare for All and wants health care to be separate from employment status.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Leger Fernandez believes, "We must treat drug and alcohol addiction as a health problem and provide medical treatment and social services to overcome the addiction."

Leger Fernandez says that action on opioid addiction is "close to my heart" because two of her brothers passed away due to struggles with addiction and substance abuse.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Leger Fernandez intends to work to lower the costs of prescription drugs "through negotiation [and] careful review of patent practices and manufacturing."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Leger Fernandez is pro-choice and believes in total reproductive freedom. She believes Medicaid should cover all reproductive services, including abortion. She also believes that "Planned

Parenthood and community health centers must be supported and fully-funded so that contraception is available and affordable, and breast and cervical cancer screenings are routinely provided. Women must have access to basic preventive health care that keeps them and, in turn, our families and communities healthy and thriving." Leger Fernandez has been endorsed by EMILY's List, NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Leger Fernandez believes that, "We need adequate funding for clinics in rural areas, and better incentives for doctors to practice in rural areas." She supports mandating paid family leave.

DID YOU KNOW?

Leger Fernandez is part of the first state congressional delegation to be all women of color. Leger Fernandez's mother, Mela Leger, was a bilingual educator, and her father, Ray Leger, served in the New Mexico State Senate during the 1970s. Both of Leger Fernandez's parents are commemorated by a roadside plaque in Guadalupe County, New Mexico for their contributions to bilingual education.

JAMAAL BOWMAN



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

44 (4/1/76)

FAMILY

Married, three children

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Sports Management,
University of New Haven;
M.A. in Counseling,
Mercy College;
Doctor of Education in
Educational Leadership,
Manhattanville College

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @JAMAALBOWMANNY

KEY HEALTH LINK

Bowman spoke frequently on the campaign trail about Medicare for All helping to reduce a range of health inequities, including disparities in maternal health, mental health and prescription drug coverage.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Founder, Cornerstone Academy for Social Action

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Eliot Engel (D), defeated in primary

BIOGRAPHY

Bowman began working as a crisis management teacher in a South Bronx elementary school. In 2009, he founded Cornerstone Academy for Social Action, a public middle school in the Bronx where he served as the principal. Bowman first ran for office when he challenged incumbent Democrat Eliot Engel in the 2020 Democratic primary in New York's 16th Congressional District.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Bowman was recruited by Justice Democrats to challenge incumbent Democrat Eliot Engel, winning the primary election with over 50% of the vote. Bowman received endorsements from notable progressive Democrats, including Senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Bowman also received an endorsement from The New York Times editorial board.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Bowman has criticized the Trump Administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting the tapes released by journalist Bob Woodward that indicated that President Trump did not accurately represent the risk of COVID-19 to the public. In addition, Bowman has said that, "All COVID did was accelerate the inequities we already know. People can't ignore it anymore." During the pandemic, Bowman worked with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez to assist New York families struggling to pay rent.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Bowman supports Medicare for All, saying, "America's health care system is fundamentally broken and a single-payer health care system will save millions of lives."



MARIJUANA

Bowman supports the legalization of marijuana. He has been given an A rating from NORML. Bowman has stated, "When we legalize marijuana, let's make sure it's not just wealthy white lobbyists like John Boehner cashing in. It's insulting to our communities that people would get rich off a product that STILL criminalizes millions of black and brown people."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Bowman supports increasing access to mental health resources. In September 2020, Bowman stated, "We need to hire thousands of more mental health workers." He also stated that, "We must ... hold negligent pharmaceutical corporations criminally responsible for their role in the opioid epidemic."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Bowman has endorsed the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Act, the Prescription Drug Price Relief Act and the Affordable and Safe Prescription Drug Importation Act. These pieces of legislation would "allow the government to negotiate drug prices, lock them to the median of other comparable countries like France and Germany, and allow consumers to buy directly from cheaper markets like Canada."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Bowman is pro-choice. He has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America and the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Bowman supports the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, codifying *Roe v. Wade* into law and working to lower maternal mortality rates, especially for Black women.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bowman was one of the only candidates to call out "maternal mortality" as a priority. His solution is Medicare for All, saying it will solve the "lack of quality health care and systemic racism [that] are major factors to address here," adding that, "Medicare for All will confront both racial and gender disparities in our health care system."

DID YOU KNOW?

Bowman is a fan of the hip-hop group Wu Tang Clan. He has described hip-hop as a "culture that is created by teenagers who were forgotten about, and because they were forgotten about, they were forced to come together and create something beautiful." Bowman often wore a face mask with the Wu Tang Clan logo while campaigning and in public. He also played college football.

ANDREW GARBARINO



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

YEAR OF BIRTH
1983

RACE/ETHNICITY
Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION
Man

RELIGION
Catholic

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE
B.A. in History and Classical
Humanities, George Washington
University; J.D., Hofstra University

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KEY HEALTH LINK

Garbarino has extensive experience on the Insurance and Health Committees. He is also a member of the executive committee of the National Council of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), an organization comprised of state legislators focused on crafting model legislation aimed at preserving state jurisdiction over insurance policy and improving the quality of insurance regulation.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE
New York State Assembly (7th District), 2013-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED
Peter King (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT
Garbarino faced off against Democrat Jackie Gordon in the general election to succeed Republican Peter King. Garbarino was nominated by the Republican Party, the Conservative Party, the Libertarian Party and the Save America Movement Party.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the New York State Assembly
- Lawyer at family law firm

BIOGRAPHY

A third-generation local businessman, Garbarino works at his family law firm. Garbarino ran and won his State Assembly seat after Assemblyman Phil Boyle vacated the position in 2012. Garbarino served as Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Insurance. He also sat on the Codes, Health, Higher Education and Racing and Wagering Committees. He served as the Vice Chair of the Joint Conference Committee and as a member of the Assembly Minority Review Committee, which develops and vets policy for the Minority Conference.

DID YOU KNOW?

Garbarino continues to attend St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church where he grew up. He is active in his parish's Knights of Columbus chapter.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In April 2020, Garbarino called for an Assembly investigation into nursing home COVID-19 deaths. He also introduced legislation (A10966) that would allow nursing home residents to designate an essential person who would be permitted unrestricted access to them and would provide for regular COVID-19 testing for such people. Garbarino introduced legislation waiving state income tax for out-of-state health care workers during the pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Garbarino has criticized the Affordable Care Act, saying, "Congress should have never completely restructured our nation's health care system as they did with the Affordable Care Act. While some reforms were surely needed, they should have been made by fixing and adding to the system we had in place." He has not stated whether he would support a full repeal. He stated that he is "committed to improving our health care system by lowering costs and providing more choices for consumers."



MARIJUANA

Garbarino supports medical marijuana programs, but only in cases of severe illness. He does not support the legalization of recreational marijuana. He has been given a D- rating by NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In the State Assembly, Garbarino voted to "improve the delivery of mobile crisis mental health services and determine the need statewide by establishing the New York State Advisory Council on Mental Health Emergency and Crisis Response." He is also a champion of Veterans mental health.

Garbarino has been active in helping people living with opioid addiction access long term recovery options. While in the State Assembly, Garbarino voted to outlaw opioid treatment program co-payments, require the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services to provide quarterly reports on the status and outcomes of various initiatives to address the heroin and opioid epidemic, expand access to medications that treat substance abuse disorders, require doctors and pharmacists to provide more information about opioids, shorten opioid prescriptions to seven days and mandate insurance coverage of NARCAN and Naloxone. He has hosted several NARCAN training sessions and "Shed the Meds" prescription drug give-back days.

Garbarino co-sponsored a bill (A10866) that would establish a middle ground between drug courts and

incarceration for individuals living with addiction to address high recidivism rates. It would create a "lock-up treatment center," or mandatory state-run opioid rehabilitation center, where people could voluntarily sign away their right to leave for one year or longer in exchange for not being put into the prison system.

Garbarino co-sponsored resolutions related to Mental Health Month (K00914) and Suicide Prevention Week (K00928).



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Garbarino supports legislation that would cap the annual out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs under Medicare. He supports giving Medicare the authority to do whatever it needs to do to get the best possible price for prescription drugs, including direct negotiations. He supports increased funding for drug development.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Garbarino pledged to fight for Veterans access to the services they were promised, including mental health treatment. In the Assembly, Garbarino voted to create a public education initiative to eliminate the stigma of mental health and substance abuse issues surrounding our military and Veterans, and supported a bill to make resources available to assist Veterans who experienced military sexual trauma. He also successfully fought to restore funding for the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Counseling Program, a peer to peer counseling program for Veterans with PTSD and TBIs.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

As a State Assembly member, Garbarino voted against S00240, which "authorizes comprehensive abortion coverage in New York." In 2020, he was rated at 33% by Planned Parenthood Empire State. Garbarino co-sponsored "Shannon's Law," which required insurance companies to cover annual mammograms for breast cancer screening for women starting at age 35 (A05502). He also supported various legislation protecting the rights of sexual and domestic abuse victims.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Garbarino co-sponsored a Medicaid restructuring bill (A04088) that would have transferred the local share of Medicaid to the state level, citing the need to keep the state more accountable for the "Cadillac plan" mandates they require. Garbarino has cited a program he supported in NY, the CDPAP (Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program) as one he wants adopted federally. It allows seniors to hire family members to act as caretakers

and to be paid by Medicaid so people can age in place. He also was very critical of putting sick COVID patients in nursing homes and wants CDC guidelines for nursing homes to prevent that from happening again.

Garbarino supported a bill that ensures Medicaid coverage for complex rehabilitation technology for patients with complex medical needs and another bill that established the Office of the Advocate for People with Disabilities.

Garbarino supported the Volunteer Firefighter Gap Coverage Cancer Disability Benefits Act (A711-B), which created a funding pool to help with the costs of care for volunteer firefighters who develop certain types of cancer known to be related to firefighting occupations. He introduced a bill to establish an Alzheimer's disease outreach and education program to promote earlier disease identification (A01430).

Garbarino also co-sponsored legislation related to optometrists' ability to prescribe (A01193), medical malpractice (A00157), adjusting the definition of "small group" for insurance purposes (A00172), physician and occupational therapy (A00405, A03753), medication synchronization (A03009), incentivizing counties to purchase Medicaid fraud detection software (A03540), incentivizing physicians to work in shortage areas with loan forgiveness (A03698), permitting certain licensed health service professionals to form LLC business entities (A063667), pharmacist immunizations and emergency treatment of anaphylaxis (A05611), transparency in long-term care insurance rates (A08398), providing for religious exemption from vaccination requirements for school attendance (A08676) and criminalizing price gouging and fraud related to medical supplies during a public health emergency (A10410).

Garbarino cosponsored legislation related to health awareness days, including Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month (K00267), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week (K00678), Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month (K00733), Wear Red for Women Day (K00747), Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day (K00755), Direct Caregivers Day (K00767), Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month (K00806), Down Syndrome Awareness Day (K00853), Mental Health Month (K00914), Nurses Week (K00915), Family Physician Week (K00920) and Suicide Prevention Week (K00928).

MONDAIRE JONES



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

33 (5/18/87)

RELIGION

Baptist

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Political Science, Stanford University; J.D., Harvard University

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 **@MONDAIREJONES**

KEY HEALTH LINK

As the freshman representative to House leadership, Jones will serve as spokesman for the freshman class. He'll also help recommend committee assignments to Speaker Pelosi as a member of the Steering and Policy Committee.

When Jones was two years old, his mother was diagnosed with a "devastating mental illness," according to his campaign website.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Jones worked in the Justice Department under President Obama, where part of his job was vetting nominees for federal judgeships

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Nita Lowey (D), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Jones announced his candidacy for New York's 17th Congressional District, running against incumbent Democrat Nita Lowey. Several months after Jones started his campaign, Representative Lowey announced that she would not seek re-election in 2020. Jones ultimately won the Democratic primary with over 40% of the vote against seven other challengers. Jones faced Republican Maureen McArdle Schulman and Independent Dr. Joshua Eisen in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Attorney, Westchester County Law Department

BIOGRAPHY

This is Jones' first run for office. Jones and Ritchie Torres will be the first openly gay Black men in Congress. Jones clerked for a U.S. District Court judge, worked at various law firms and served a brief stint at the Department of Justice. Jones is the co-founder of the nonprofit Rising Leaders and previously served on the NAACP's National Board of Directors and on the board of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March 2020, Jones published an op-ed in the Yonkers Tribune outlining the costs associated with health care and perceived lack of effective safety nets in the United States, using Frank Wuchinski, an American who was in China at the beginning of the pandemic, as an example.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Jones supports Medicare for All.



MARIJUANA

Jones supports the legalization of marijuana and has been given an A rating by NORML. In an August 2020 response to the Democratic Party not including the legalization of marijuana in its platform, he said, "It is shameful to me that the Democratic platform ... rejected the legalization of marijuana—something that really should not be controversial anymore, especially given what we've seen in our so-called criminal justice system, which I call the criminal legal system."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Jones has stated, as a member of Congress, he will "fight to establish alternatives to incarceration, including mental health support, drug treatment, and diversion programs for non-violent offenses."

Before incumbent Representative Nina Lowey stated she was not seeking re-election, Jones had criticized her for accepting campaign contributions from the Sackler family, members of which are founders and owners of Purdue Pharma, the developer of OxyContin.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Jones has said that as a member of Congress, he intends to "fight to lower prescription drug prices."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Jones has stated that he is "committed to expanding Veteran access to jobs and training, as well as making it easier for Veterans to access education benefits," adding that, "We must also provide disabled Veterans with quick and streamlined access to the support that they need, which is often delayed due to bureaucratic backlogs."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Jones is pro-choice. He has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America as well as the Planned Parenthood Action Fund. As a member of Congress, Jones intends to work to codify Roe v. Wade into law, repeal the Hyde Amendment and "ensure that any Medicare for All legislation includes coverage for the full range of reproductive services."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Growing up, Jones' dream was to be a science fiction writer. Jones "would spend summers [from childhood to college] just writing novel-length stories about werewolves and vampires," trying to become "the next Toni Morrison."

NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

40 (11/11/80)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx, Greek American

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

RELIGION

Greek Orthodox Christian

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Communications, Seton Hall University; Master's of Business Administration, Wagner College



POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- New York State Assembly (64th District), 2013-2020
- New York State Assembly (60th District), 2011-2012

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Max Rose (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

In the 2020 Republican primary, Malliotakis defeated fellow Republican Joe Caldarera. In the general election, Malliotakis ran against incumbent Democratic and Independent Party nominee Max Rose.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the New York State Assembly

KEY HEALTH LINK

In the state legislature, Malliotakis was active in health care policy. She sponsored numerous bills relating to addiction recovery, the COVID-19 pandemic, prescription drug pricing and women's health, and introduced a number of successful resolutions dedicating awareness days for various diseases and causes.

BIOGRAPHY

Malliotakis was a staffer for former State Senator John Marchi and former Governor George Pataki between 2003 and 2006. Malliotakis then worked as the public affairs manager for the Consolidated Edison Company of New York. Malliotakis was elected to the New York State Assembly in 2010 and served until her election to the U.S. House. In the Assembly, Malliotakis served on the Committees on Aging, Education, Rules, Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and Ways and Means. Additionally, Malliotakis was a member of the Legislative Women's Caucus and served as Minority Whip and ranking member of the Committee on Governmental Employees. In 2017, Malliotakis won the Republican nomination for Mayor of New York City, though ultimately lost to incumbent Democrat Bill de Blasio.

DID YOU KNOW?

Malliotakis is fluent in English, Spanish and Greek. She is a dog lover and has two dogs. While in the Assembly, she sponsored various pieces of legislation protecting animals from cruelty.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Malliotakis introduced a bill that would exempt protective face masks and shields from sales taxes (A10753). Malliotakis helped donate 18,000 face shields to health care workers in honor of a local leader who died from COVID-19. She also offered free face masks to restaurants with 15 or fewer employees. Malliotakis has been critical of the NY Health Commissioner's decisions to put COVID-positive patients in nursing homes, even when there were other options like the Javits Center.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Malliotakis' position on the ACA is unclear. Her website states that she "voted to provide protections to ensure that individuals with pre-existing conditions could purchase health insurance and expand the state's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage program to provide lower prescription drug costs for seniors ... and [she] supports efforts to reform and strengthen our system, with an effective safety net to ensure those in need are never denied the care they deserve." In 2011, Malliotakis voted against A8514, which would have implemented several ACA provisions in New York state.



MARIJUANA

While Malliotakis voted in favor of A6357E, which authorized medical marijuana for some severe illnesses, and A9016, which authorized medical marijuana use for those living with opioid addiction, Malliotakis does not support the legalization of recreational marijuana and has been given an F rating by NORML.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Malliotakis criticized Mayor Bill de Blasio over his mental health care plan, ThriveNYC, and for not using "Kendra's Law," which gives judges the ability to confine a patient to a psychiatric facility for up to 72 hours if they are deemed to be a threat to others or themselves. Malliotakis also criticized de Blasio for reducing the number of active beds in psychiatric facilities in the city. Malliotakis' plan includes expanded use of "Kendra's Law," as well as increased construction of supportive housing for those living with mental illnesses.

Malliotakis has opposed efforts to create supervised injection sites for opioid users. She supported opioid abuse prevention legislation that banned fentanyl, mandated drug take-back programs, expanded treatment facilities (including assisted outpatient treatment programs), required insurance companies to use state-based criteria when determining level of care and required continuing education for all controlled substance prescribers. She also introduced an unsuccessful bill that would have required certain hospital and correctional facilities to

have a staff member specifically trained in filing assisted outpatient treatment petitions (A10100).



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

She was one of the original cosponsors of a controversial bill (A02836) that would have regulated pharmacy benefit managers to protect patients and pharmacies. The bill was a companion to S06531, which passed but was ultimately vetoed by Governor Andrew Cuomo. Her bill to prohibit insurance providers from mid-year changes to their prescription drug formulary passed the Assembly but was vetoed by the Governor (A02969). She says she will "build on her record in the State Legislature by preventing price gouging by pharmaceutical companies." She supported a bill (A02795) that extended the preferred drug program to Medicaid managed care providers.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Malliotakis has stated that she intends to continue her record of working on behalf of Veterans, including having "successfully fought to restore funding for peer-to-peer counseling and mental health programs for Veterans" and "working to improve health care for Veterans," including prioritizing "mental health services to combat homelessness and suicide." Malliotakis has stated that she "supports President Trump's reforms to provide Veterans with community care."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Malliotakis says that, "...it's not just pro life and pro choice, it's not black or white ... Personally, it's not something that I could do, but it's not to say that my views should be imposed on other women. [...] I am opposed to that third trimester legislation that has come up again and again," and that "I'm not looking to repeal Roe v. Wade."

In the Assembly, her campaign touted her support for a number of pro-women's health laws: Shannon's Law (S3852-A), requiring insurers to cover annual mammograms for women ages 35+; a bill that eliminated tax on feminine hygiene products (A7555-A); a bill that improved access to lactation counseling services (S3387); a bill that developed obstetric hemorrhage protocols (A6961-A); a bill that requires hospitals and birthing centers to share information about pregnancy complications and provide a referral list of services (A2957-A); a bill that requires hospitals to offer assistance and services to victims of domestic violence (A2850-A); a bill that extended the statute of limitations on sexual assault victims (S6584); a bill that redefined rape to remove the penetration requirement (A794-C) and a bill mandating insurance cover eating disorders treatment (A1619).



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

While in the state legislature, Malliotakis prioritized “investing in preventative care – like her vote to promote childhood vaccinations – and ensur[ing] that New York hospitals have the resources to both lead the world in medical advancement and deliver lifesaving care.”

Malliotakis introduced successful resolutions signifying specific awareness days including Direct Caregivers Day, Rare Disease Awareness Day, Problem Gambling Awareness Month, Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month, Primary Immune Deficiency Disease Awareness Month, Prevention Week, Cancer Survivors Day, Chronic Pain Awareness Month, PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day and Suicide Prevention Week.

Malliotakis co-sponsored bills related to occupational therapy (A00405), physical therapy (A3585), generic epinephrine substitution (A01181), optometrists’ ability to prescribe oral medications (A01193), protecting the rights of people who are blind (A01721) and outlawing the practice of “ambulance chasing” for lawyers and providers such as treatment facilities (A04205). Malliotakis also co-sponsored a Medicaid restructuring bill (A04088) that would have transferred the local share of Medicaid to the state level, citing the need to keep the state more accountable for the “Cadillac plan” mandates they require.

RITCHIE TORRES



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

32 (3/12/88)

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx; Torres's father is from Puerto Rico, his mother is African American

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Raised Catholic, now identifies as a Deist

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Herbert H. Lehman High School;
One year at New York University

 @RITCHIETORRES

KEY HEALTH LINK

Torres lives with depression, for which he has been hospitalized in the past. He is a COVID-19 survivor. He was also hospitalized for asthma as a child.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

New York City Council (15th District), 2014-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

José Serrano (D), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Torres' most notable challenger in the Democratic primary was Rubén Díaz, Sr., a fellow City Council member who Torres described as "temperamentally and ideologically indistinguishable" from Donald Trump due to his history of anti-LGBTQ comments. Torres' is replacing retiring member José Serrano (D).

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the New York City Council

BIOGRAPHY

Torres began his career working as an intern in the NY Mayor and Attorney General offices. He also worked as the housing director for council member James Vacca, until he won his first election. Torres first ran and won his seat on the New York City Council in 2013. While a City Council Member, Torres chaired both the Committee on Public Housing as well as the Oversight and Investigations Committee.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In March 2020, Torres tested positive for COVID-19. Torres supports additional COVID-19 relief funding. He said, "COVID-19 has held up a mirror to the deeper inequalities of American life," and he intends to work to solve problems that have been exposed during the pandemic, including housing and internet access. He has also spoken about the dangerous mental health impacts of COVID.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Torres supports Medicare for All.



MARIJUANA

In 2014, Torres, along with four other City Council members, sent a letter to Mayor de Blasio and New York City Police Commissioner Bill Bratton charging that, "NYPD continues to unfairly target young minority men for low-level marijuana arrests." Torres stated that, "The question is: Should possessing a minor amount of marijuana be an arrestable offense? The answer is no because it does more harm than good. The focus should really be on more serious crimes."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Torres has lived with mental health issues, specifically depression, for which he has been previously hospitalized and takes antidepressants. He talks openly about thoughts of suicide in the past. Depression led him to stop pursuing an undergraduate degree at NYU. As a City Council member, Torres has worked to expand resources for mental health care, especially for the LGBTQ community, leading to conflicts with Mayor de Blasio.

As a City Council member, Torres sponsored a bill to provide training to homeless shelter staff to deliver Narcan and that would require one staff member with training to be on duty. In addition, Torres has sponsored legislation that would provide Narcan training to the general public. Torres lost his best friend to an opioid overdose.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As a member of Congress, Torres intends to work to "force drug companies to lower prescription drug costs."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Torres is pro-choice. He has been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice America as well as the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

With his election to the City Council, Torres became the youngest elected official in New York City and the first openly LGBTQ elected official from the Bronx. Along with Mondaire Jones, Torres is one of the first two gay Black men to serve in Congress. Torres also identifies as Latino making him also the first openly gay Latino member of Congress.

STEPHANIE BICE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

47 (11/11/73)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

 @STEPHANIEBICE

RELIGION

Catholic

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Marketing, Oklahoma State University

KEY HEALTH LINK

While in the Senate, Bice introduced legislation related to women's and infant health, senior health and mental health and addiction. She also sponsored legislation to end surprise medical billing and ensure insurance networks are adequate in providing their beneficiaries access to qualified health providers and specialists in network.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma Senate (22nd District), 2014-2021

- Assistant Majority Leader

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Kendra Horn (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Bice received the most votes in the first 2020 Republican primary, but it was not a clear majority. She defeated Republican Mark Thomas in the runoff and went on to beat incumbent Democrat Kendra Horn in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the Oklahoma State Senate
- VP of Business Development, Smirk New Media (a marketing firm)

BIOGRAPHY

Bice worked in business strategy and financial oversight at her family's technology company out of college. She later helped lead a boutique digital marketing agency in Oklahoma City as vice president of business development. Bice was first elected in 2014 to be a state senator and was reelected in 2018. While serving in the State Senate, Bice sat on the Appropriations, General Government and Transportation, Business, Commerce, Tourism and Public Safety Committees. Bice also served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader for two years and chaired the Finance Committee during her time as a senator.

DID YOU KNOW?

Bice's father was an Iranian immigrant. Bice gained her reputation as a legislative leader as the writer and champion of State Question 792, which modernized liquor laws in Oklahoma to make alcohol more accessible.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Bice has stated that, "Suggesting a national mask mandate will fix this pandemic is just flat wrong. What will address the long term implications is operation warp speed, which is creating a safe, effective vaccine for us to distribute across America."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Bice believes the ACA is a disaster and believes it should be repealed if pre-existing conditions can be protected. She supports expanding health savings account access, allowing health insurance to be purchased across state lines and allowing small businesses to pool together to provide health coverage to employees. She wants families to have more choice and control of their health care, noting that it should be patient-centered, affordable and high quality. While in the Senate, she authored an unsuccessful bill that would "protect consumers from unforeseen medical bills as a result of using out-of-network physicians" and put into place "new network adequacy requirements."



MARIJUANA

When asked about her potential support for the MORE Act in October 2020, a Bice campaign spokeswoman stated, "The MORE Act was filed more than a year ago and has never received a hearing, so I'm not sure that it will pass...I do have some concerns with the bill, but Congress should be more focused on trying to pass the next federal relief package." While a state senator, Bice voted in favor of HB3228, which "would have allowed for some delivery services between dispensaries and patients, granted 90-day licenses that are renewable and would have allowed certain dispensaries to remain open even if they later fell within 1,000 feet of a school. It also addressed residency issues with growers and dispensary owners." Bice also voted in favor of HB2612, a bill which was signed into law and "provide[d] an extensive medical marijuana regulatory framework."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Bice wants to find alternative ways to hold nonviolent offenders accountable other than incarceration, saying, "It's a reform that will save millions of dollars that can be used to address the need for greater substance abuse treatment and access to mental health care."

While a state senator, Bice voted in favor of SB1606, a piece of legislation that "requires peace officers utilize telemedicine when such capability is available for initial contact, to have a person requiring treatment assessed by a licensed mental health professional employed or under contract with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services," and "establishes that

once an individual has been presented to a treatment facility by a transporting law enforcement officer or has self-presented, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be responsible for any subsequent transportation pending completion of the examination, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services."

Bice was the leading sponsor of a successful bill that requires hospitals that provide labor and delivery services and licensed health care professionals that provide pre- and post-natal care to women and infants to provide education to women and, if possible, their families, about perinatal mental health disorders.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Bice has stated that, as a member of Congress, she "will work to find ways to address sky-high prescription drug costs, especially life-savings drugs like insulin and Epi-pens."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Bice has stated that, "Those who have served our country deserve access to quality health care, education and every economic opportunity," and that she will "fight for accountability and transparency for the VA."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Bice is pro-life, with her campaign website stating, "In the Oklahoma State Senate, she has supported pro-life policies and advocated against those that promote abortion."

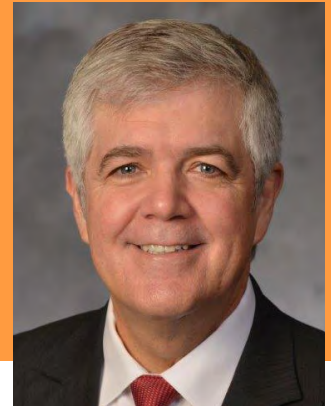


OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bice's campaign has stated that, "In Congress, Stephanie has stated her priorities will include lowering out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs, ending surprise medical bills, increasing health insurance plan options, and encouraging innovation that can lead to life-saving cures and treatments." She is not in favor of expanding Medicaid in Oklahoma.

While in the Oklahoma Senate, Bice sponsored SB2804, which requires all students in kindergarten through third grade who are not reading at grade level to be tested for dyslexia. She sponsored a successful bill that would require informed consent for nursing home patients and their families regarding the use of powerful antipsychotic drugs. She was named AARP legislator of the year. Bice was also the original sponsor of a law that requires each hospital notify at least one parent of their rights and allow parents to direct the disposition of the remains of a child from stillbirth or fetal death so long as it complies with all relevant state and federal rules and regulations.

CLIFF
BENTZ



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

68 (1/12/52)

RELIGION

Catholic

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, two children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A., Eastern Oregon State College;
J.D., Lewis & Clark Law School



KEY HEALTH LINK

Bentz's wife is a veterinarian. He sponsored legislation in the Oregon legislature supporting health care issues such as vision tests, home visits for new moms and rare diseases.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Oregon Senate (30th District), 2018-2020
- Oregon House of Representatives (60th District), 2008-2018

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Greg Walden (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Bentz won the GOP nomination to replace retiring Rep. Greg Walden, earning 31.4% of the vote in a 11-candidate primary.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the Oregon State Senate
- Lawyer

BIOGRAPHY

Bentz practices ranch organization and water law at an Oregon law firm. In 2008, Bentz was appointed to the Oregon House of Representatives after the resignation of the representative in District 60. After a decade in the State House, Bentz was appointed to an open seat in the Oregon Senate in 2018. He most recently served on the following committees:

- Joint Transportation Development Committee
- Environment and Natural Resources Committee
- Finance and Revenue Committee, Vice-Chair
- Judiciary Committee
- Joint Carbon Reduction Committee, Co-Vice Chair
- Joint Tax Expenditures Committee, Co-Vice Chair

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Bentz does not support mask mandates, though he does support educating people about the risks of not wearing a mask.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Bentz wants to repeal and replace the ACA, saying, "I strongly oppose government run health care ... I believe Obamacare should be replaced with solutions that focus on free market principles to help drive down the skyrocketing cost of health care." He supports permitting individuals and small businesses to purchase group insurance plans and allowing consumers to buy health insurance plans across state lines.



MARIJUANA

As a state senator, Bentz voted against a bill to provide a pathway for the governor to approve interstate marijuana commerce. He said he preferred to wait for the federal government to take action.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In the Oregon House, Bentz sponsored a bill allowing judges to waive unpaid criminal fines for people who can prove that the fine poses a financial hardship preventing them from completing drug and alcohol treatment as part of their sentence.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Bentz introduced HB3093, a bill requiring pharmaceutical manufacturers to report to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services the total amount of money spent on patient assistance programs.

Bentz is the original co-sponsor on a successful bill (SB740) to require health benefit plans that cover radiation therapy for cancer to cover proton beam therapy on a similar basis.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Bentz introduced a resolution (HCR22) that would protect funding for the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Bentz is a former board member and vice-chair of Project Dove, a domestic violence prevention organization. He was an original sponsor of successful legislation (SB526) that provides voluntary nurse home visits to families with infants up to six months of age through a program called Family Connects Oregon. Bentz is pro-life, only supporting abortion in cases when the mother's life is at risk.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Bentz supports medical malpractice reform to curb frivolous lawsuits and promote patient safety. He opposes harvesting stem cells from embryos. Bentz co-sponsored an unsuccessful bill (SB289) to provide vision screenings in schools. He also co-authored an unsuccessful bill to appoint a Rare Disease Ombudsman (HB2529).

DID YOU KNOW?

Bentz owns a 100-acre alfalfa farm. He is the second of seven children and grew up on a cattle ranch.

NANCY MACE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

43 (12/4/77)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman



RELIGION

Christian

FAMILY

Divorced, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Business Administration, The Citadel; M.A. in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

South Carolina House of Representatives (99th District), 2018-2021

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Joe Cunningham (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Mace won a decisive majority victory in the Republican primary over three other candidates and defeated incumbent Democrat Joe Cunningham in Cunningham's first re-election campaign after winning the seat in 2018.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mace is the first woman to have graduated from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, and is the author of "In The Company of Men: A Woman at The Citadel," a memoir detailing her experiences at the school.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Mace is a COVID-19 survivor and has donated her plasma. She is also a lifelong blood donor. Mace sponsored various health care and women's health bills, gaining visibility for being pro-life while actively supporting an amendment for exceptions for health of the mother and in cases of rape and incest. During the debate, Mace revealed that she is a survivor of sexual assault.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the South Carolina State House of Representatives
- Commercial Real Estate at Keller Williams Commercial

BIOGRAPHY

Mace began her career working in public relations and marketing, ultimately starting her own company, The Mace Group, in 2008. In 2014, Mace ran in the Republican Senate primary and was defeated by incumbent Republican Senator Lindsey Graham. In 2016, Mace served as the South Carolina Field Director for the Trump campaign. In 2017, Mace won a seat in the SC House after a special election primary runoff and general election to replace Jimmy Merrill after he resigned due to ethics violations. She was re-elected in 2018. While in the SC legislature, Mace served on the Judiciary Committee.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In April 2020, Mace published an op-ed in The Post and Courier, writing, "In South Carolina, all businesses that want to operate should be allowed to with safety measures in place. Everyone should wear masks and wash their hands regularly. [...] Capacity should be limited initially, then brought back up to normal as quickly as possible. [...] I trust South Carolina residents to continue to take this virus seriously." Mace announced she tested positive for COVID-19 on June 23rd, 2020 and received criticism for voting maskless in the primary runoff that same day. In August 2020, Mace toured a facility that was working to process COVID-19 testing swabs.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Mace supports repealing and replacing the ACA, stating that it "suffocate[s] individual liberty and further stifle[s] economic growth," adding that, "We must use any means possible to repeal, defund and ultimately stop Obamacare." She pledged to replace it with a plan that will "expand access, drive down prices and improve the quality of health care for Americans," noting that, "as a limited-government, fiscal conservative, I understand when politics and overly burdensome regulations are removed from industry, the door is opened for REAL competition – and the free-market is able to deliver a higher-quality product at a lower price for the consumer."



MARIJUANA

In 2019, Mace sponsored the Compassionate Care Act, a piece of legislation which would legalize medical marijuana for individuals with certain medical ailments. Mace has stated she is a proponent of legalizing marijuana and ensuring the financial structures are in place to collect taxes. She has a B- NORML rating.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Mace introduced H4329, an unsuccessful bill that would allow tenants who have suffered sexual assault, abuse or stalking to terminate a rental agreement within 60 days of the documented incident without penalty. See Veterans Health section for more on mental health.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

In the SC House, Mace sponsored HB3438, which established a State Department of Veterans Affairs. Mace stated: "We need to make sure our Veterans are given not only incredible care for physical health but their mental health, too. The system needs a complete overhaul or at the very least a significant upgrade to its mental health and addiction services." She supports Veterans having access to health care services outside of the VA health system. Mace's father is a retired U.S. Army General.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Mace is pro-life with allowable exceptions. During her time in the South Carolina legislature, Mace consistently voted against funding for Planned Parenthood, sponsored H3779, the South Carolina Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, and voted in favor of the Fetal Heartbeat Bill in 2019. Mace did speak out in favor of an amendment to the Fetal Heartbeat Bill which would allow for exceptions for cases involving rape and incest, citing her personal experience with sexual assault, having been raped when she was 16 years old and sexually assaulted when she was 14. Mace stated, "For a woman who's been through that kind of trauma, I think that choosing an abortion could be equally traumatic – but I'm not going to take that decision away from her." During the time when Mace was speaking in favor of the amendment, fellow South Carolina State Rep. Josiah Magnuson placed a card on Mace's desk which said, "It is a twisted logic that would kill the unborn child for the misdeed of the parent," and state Rep. Jonathon Hill said during Mace's remarks, "Why should the product of rape be blamed?" Mace responded to the two lawmakers saying, "I'm beginning to think some of you believe every woman who's raped lies about being raped," and "I don't think rape or incest is a partisan issue...A rapist is not a father."

Mace was the lead sponsor of a successful bill (H3967) to improve the treatment of female inmates, restricting the use of restraints on the leg, waist or ankle of pregnant inmates and new mothers during recovery and allowing skin-to-skin contact with their new baby. It also ensured that all correctional facilities offer sufficient no-cost menstrual hygiene products, that bodily inspections by male police officers were only allowable in limited circumstances and that minor and dependent visits must be authorized for low and minimum security inmates at least once a week.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Mace introduced a successful resolution (H3647) recognizing May as "Myalgic Encephalomyelitis" Awareness Month. Myalgic encephalomyelitis is commonly known as chronic fatigue syndrome.

Mace was an original co-sponsor of H4147, an unsuccessful bill that would allow for the presumption that certain diseases sustained by firefighters are occupational diseases for the purposes of workers' compensation.

While in the State Legislature, Mace filed unsuccessful legislation (H3823) to remove regulations requiring a state agency to approve the building or expansion of any health care facility.

Mace supports “lifting the age cap on catastrophic insurance plans, allowing professionals to make use of their training and certifications whether they’re doctors, nurse practitioners, physicians’ assistants, or pharmacists, and ... implementing better accountability in the pharmaceutical supply chain.”

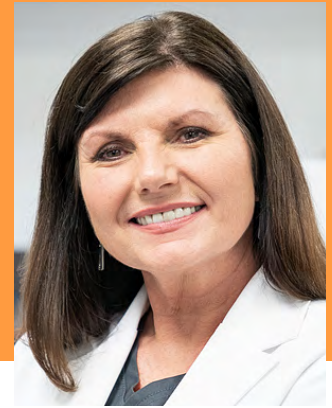
Mace has stated that the growth of Medicare and Medicaid is a significant problem and the answer is for the federal government to “loosen its grip on our health care decisions. Needless taxes and penalties stand in the way of getting South Carolinians the health care and insurance they deserve.”

DIANA HARSHBARGER



TN -1

Johnson City
Kingsport
Morristown



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

YEAR OF BIRTH

1960

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, one child

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's, East Tennessee State University; Doctor of Pharmacy, Mercer University College of Pharmacy

 @DHARSHBARGERTN1

KEY HEALTH LINK

After graduating from pharmacy school, Harshbarger returned to Kingsport where she has been a licensed pharmacist since 1987. She is a former board member of the International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Owner and Pharmacist, Premier Pharmacy

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Phil Roe (R), retired

BIOGRAPHY

Harshbarger has been a licensed pharmacist since 1987. She and her husband, Bob, operate Premier Pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy. Her first office run was in 2020. She is a member of the National Community Pharmacists Association.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Harshbarger emerged from a crowded field of 16 candidates for the Republican nomination in TN-1 with 19.2% of the vote. She largely self-funded her campaign.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Harshbarger has stated she would support a bill to sanction China for perceived negligence during to the COVID-19 pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Harshbarger wants to repeal and replace the ACA. She has stated, "The first steps I will take in Congress will be to lower prescription drug prices, increase generic drug pricing transparency as well as increase competition among health insurance plans."



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Harshbarger supports a three-pronged approach to the opioid crisis: "cracking down on the illegal drugs, specifically heroin and fentanyl, coming across our borders; increasing funding for rehabilitation resources so those seeking help face fewer hurdles when receiving assistance; and holding those responsible for creating this crisis accountable."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

In 2012, the candidate's husband, Robert Harshbarger, Jr., 53, was charged with one count of selling misbranded drugs, one count of mail fraud and five counts of health care fraud. Robert, President of American Inhalation Medication Specialists, was indicted for substituting a cheaper drug imported from China for the iron sucrose that the Federal Drug Administration has approved for kidney dialysis patients. Robert pleaded guilty to two charges and was sentenced to four years in prison. Diana held the role of secretary at the company from 2000 to 2013, when she assumed the role of president at the beginning of Robert's prison sentence. The company dissolved in 2018.

Harshbarger says she would bar undocumented immigrants to the U.S. from receiving free health care.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As a pharmacist, Harshbarger is concerned about the over-reliance on pharmaceutical production in foreign nations, especially generic drugs.

Harshbarger supports legislation to increase drug pricing transparency.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Harshbarger supports giving every Veteran "access to both the physical and mental health care they rightfully deserve."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Harshbarger is "100% pro-life." Harshbarger supports eliminating federal funding for programs that support abortion services, including Planned Parenthood.

DID YOU KNOW?

Harshbarger was the first person in her family to graduate high school.

PAT FALLON



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

52 (12/19/67)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man



RELIGION

Catholic

FAMILY

Married, two children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Government & International Relations, University of Notre Dame

KEY HEALTH LINK

Pat Fallon is an avid champion of pediatric cancer research and treatment and has advocated and fundraised for the cause professionally and personally.

MILITARY SERVICE

Fallon began his military service as a cadet in the Reserve Officer Training Corps of the U.S. Air Force. He went on to serve as a second lieutenant for four years, during which he received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Texas State Senate (30th District), 2019-2020
- Texas State House of Representatives (106th District), 2013-2019
- Frisco City Council, 2009-2012

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Rep. John Ratcliffe resigned from the House in February 2020 after initially filing for re-election as an unchallenged Republican incumbent. In August 2020, Fallon was chosen by the district's Republican Party county chairs as the nominee for the 2020 general election.

Fallon is only the sixth person to represent the Texas 4th District since its creation in 1903.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

John Ratcliffe (R), resigned

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

- Member of the Texas State Senate
- Owner of Virtus Apparel

BIOGRAPHY

Fallon was an entrepreneur before entering politics, and he remains president and CEO of Virtus Apparel, a patriotic-themed apparel company. During his tenure in the State House, Fallon is perhaps best known for co-authoring a 2013 Texas law which allows students and employees of independent school districts to say "Merry Christmas" rather than the nonsecular "Happy Holidays." Fallon was Mayor Pro Tem of Frisco, TX from 2011-2012.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

No information found



HEALTH COVERAGE

Fallon has stated, "I'd like to see Obamacare repealed and replaced."



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Although it did not pass, Fallon authored a bill while in the Texas Senate to support more trauma-informed systems of care for children in child protective services and in the foster system. He also co-authored a bill to create a Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

As state senator in May 2019, Fallon voted for HB2536, a bill establishing drug pricing transparency requirements in Texas.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

While in the Texas House, Fallon served as vice chair of the Veterans Caucus.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Fallon is pro-life. In 2013, Fallon supported HB2, a Texas ban on abortion after 20 weeks of gestation, which later passed the State House. He co-sponsored companion legislation to increase medical and licensing requirements of Texas abortion providers.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

In January 2016, in an effort to raise funds and awareness for pediatric cancer research, Fallon successfully completed the World Marathon Challenge, where competitors attempt to run 7 marathons on all 7 continents in 7 consecutive days. While in the Senate, he authored a bill to authorize specialty license plates with the words "Kids Shouldn't Have Cancer" on them, with all

profits going to a special research fund. He also co-sponsored a successful bill to repeal step therapy or "fail first" protocols for metastatic stage 4 cancer patients.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fallon played college football as a wide receiver with the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and was part of the reserve squad during the 1988 national championship season under Lou Holtz.

TONY GONZALES



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

40 (10/10/80)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanic/Latinx

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Catholic

FAMILY

Married, six children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Master's in International Relations, American Public University; Graduate Certificate in Legislative Studies, Georgetown University; Ph.D. Candidate in International Relations, University of Southern Mississippi

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MILITARY SERVICE

Gonzales served as a cryptologist in the U.S. Navy. Gonzales was stationed in Hawaii, Florida, Texas and Washington, D.C. He supported combat operations including Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and regional security operations throughout Asia. He also served on Capitol Hill as a Department of Defense Legislative Fellow in U.S. Senator Marco Rubio's office. Gonzales retired from the Navy in 2019 at the rank of master chief.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Gonzales lives with a pre-existing condition. He was hospitalized for 23 days in 2019 after being incorrectly intubated during a routine hernia repair. He was in a coma for three days, suffering brain trauma and kidney failure for which he undertook dialysis. Gonzales' voice is permanently raspy because of the trauma.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Community Representative for the City of San Antonio Head Start Policy Council, 2018-2020

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Gonzales won the Republican nomination for Texas's 23rd Congressional District following a runoff election against Raul Reyes, which came down to a 39 vote lead with nearly 25,000 cast. He ran against Democrat Gina Ortiz Jones to succeed Republican Will Hurd in representing the district.

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Will Hurd (R), retired

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Community Representative for the City of San Antonio Head Start Policy Council

BIOGRAPHY

Gonzales's career experience includes working as a cryptologist with the U.S. Navy. He served in public office at the local level before being elected to the House.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Gonzales supports a second stimulus package, but not the HEROES Act that the House passed in May because of its large price tag. His main focus is helping small businesses.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Gonzales wants to repeal and replace the ACA while ensuring coverage is available for people with pre-existing conditions. He believes that, "We need to move back towards a free market system that allows health care companies to properly compete against each other for free enterprise and competitive rates. The exponential rise in health care costs for citizens is unacceptable and we need to return back to free enterprise. Pre-existing conditions will be covered to ensure that citizens are covered and not left between the cracks."



MARIJUANA

Gonzales opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Gonzales said his first priority after strengthening and protecting the southern border is to "take steps to address our Veterans' mental health care and military families who are suffering."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Gonzales said his first priority after strengthening and protecting the southern border is to "take steps to address our Veterans' mental health care and military families who are suffering."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Gonzales is "100% pro-life." He opposes the Supreme Court's "flawed decision in Roe v. Wade" which has "resulted in the death of over 60 million innocent babies." Gonzales "strongly supports the nuclear family."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Gonzales supports increased funding for community health centers and bolstered protections for private practices. He also served as a community representative for the Head Start board. He has been vocal about the disparities in Hispanic health care in his district. His appreciation for public health systems is driven partly by his "humble beginnings" with a "strong single mother [who] raised me in shelters for battered women."

DID YOU KNOW?

Gonzales dropped out of high school. When he joined the Navy, he did not know how to swim. He founded the Tony Gonzales Foundation, a nonprofit focused on empowering and encourage growth and development in impoverished areas of San Antonio.

RONNY JACKSON



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

53 (5/4/67)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Marine Biology, Texas A&M University; M.D., University of Texas Medical Branch

 @RONNYJACKSON4TX

MILITARY SERVICE

Jackson served in the Navy Medical Corps from 1995 to 2019, achieving the rank of rear admiral (lower half). He was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom as the emergency medicine physician in charge of resuscitative medicine for a Surgical Shock Trauma Platoon. In 2006, Jackson was selected as a White House physician and has served Presidents Bush, Obama and Trump, handling the White House Medical Unit as its director. Since arriving at the White House, he has directed Executive Health Care for the President's cabinet and senior staff. Jackson has been awarded numerous medals for his service, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Chief Medical Advisor to the President, 2019
- Physician to the President, 2013-2018
- Physician at the White House, 2006-2013

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Mac Thornberry (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Eight days after his retirement from the Navy, Jackson filed to run for Congress in the Texas 13th District. Jackson finished in second place in the primary election behind former lobbyist Josh Winegarner. In the July 2020 runoff, Jackson won the nomination with 55.6% of votes.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Chief Medical Advisor to the President of the United States

BIOGRAPHY

Jackson served in the Navy as the White House physician. On March 28, 2018, President Trump announced that he planned to replace David Shulkin with Ronny Jackson as secretary of Veterans Affairs. One month later, the U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs postponed a hearing on his nomination after current and former employees on the White House medical staff accused Jackson of creating a hostile work environment. Jackson withdrew from consideration.

KEY HEALTH LINK

Jackson is a board-certified emergency medicine physician and began his medical career in the Navy. In 2006, Jackson was selected as a White House physician, where he served Presidents Bush, Obama and Trump. He has held faculty clinical appointments with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the Beth Israel Deaconess Disaster Medicine Fellowship Program.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Jackson opposes mask mandates to slow the spread of COVID-19, calling mask wearing a "personal choice."



HEALTH COVERAGE

In Congress, Jackson aims to "eliminate the monopolies in health care, continue to promote transparency in billing ... and protect Americans from the liberal agenda and the socialist health care plans of the left."



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

In May 2020, Jackson announced a plan to redirect all American pharmaceutical manufacturing in China back to the U.S., with substantial production based in Texas' 13th District.

Jackson supports reform to pharmaceutical pricing, with no specific policies endorsed.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Jackson was nominated by President Trump to be Secretary of the VA but withdrew after allocations that he created a hostile work environment.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Jackson considers himself "staunchly pro-life." He supports the defunding of Planned Parenthood and all abortion providers in the U.S.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Jackson supports withdrawing the U.S. from the World Health Organization.

DID YOU KNOW?

Jackson landed his first job at age 13, when he began working after school at the Wallace Theater in Levelland, TX.

TROY NEHLS



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

52 (4/7/68)

RELIGION

Methodist

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A., Liberty University; Master's in Criminal Justice, University of Houston - Downtown

 @SHERIFFTNEHLS

KEY HEALTH LINK

As sheriff, Nehls was vocal about his community's mental health needs, saying that it is inhumane that our society uses jails and prisons as "de facto mental health centers."

MILITARY SERVICE

Nehls served in the U.S. Army Reserve beginning in 1988. He served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan and was deployed to Bosnia. Nehls retired from the military in 2009, having risen to the rank of major. He received two Bronze Stars for his service.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Sheriff of Fort Bend County, Texas, 2013-2020
- Constable for Fort Bend County, Texas, 2004-2012

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Pete Olson (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Nehls received the most votes in the 2020 Republican primary and then defeated Kathaleen Wall in a runoff election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Sheriff of Fort Bend County, Texas

BIOGRAPHY

Nehls was most recently Sheriff of Fort Bend County (TX). Nehls was serving in the U.S. Army in Afghanistan during his first campaign for constable in 2004, and his identical twin brother, Trevor, ran his campaign. He served as constable through the end of 2012, and he began his service as Sheriff of Fort Bend County on January 1, 2013. In 2019, he announced his candidacy to represent the 22nd district.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Nehls has supported following CDC guidelines during the pandemic. The Fort Bend County Police Department provided residents with disinfectant upon request in March 2020. Nehls also implemented the You Are Not Alone program, connecting volunteers with senior citizens in the area that needed assistance throughout the pandemic.



HEALTH COVERAGE

On his campaign website, Nehls said, "I will work to increase health care offerings while protecting those with pre-existing conditions, protecting Medicare and Social Security, protecting Medicaid, and protecting private insurance. We need more health care options, not less and that's what I'll work to build bipartisan support for."



MARIJUANA

In response to a neighboring county implementing reduced charges for those found in possession of less than four ounces of marijuana, Nehls said, "You come into Fort Bend County with a couple of ounces of marijuana, and you get caught with it, you are going to jail."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

While sheriff, Nehls said that mental health was the "biggest issue" in Fort Bend County. He touted his department's Crisis Intervention Team for helping prevent suicide and criticized the existing system for using the county jail as a "de facto mental health provider," saying, "These individuals don't belong in our county jail." Nehls said that, "I think that just as human beings, for humanity[s] sake, we have to do better when it comes to people that are suffering." Nehls also used his platform as sheriff to host a mental health summit, saying that, "We need to have a serious discussion in this country about America's mental health."

Under then-Sheriff Nehls, the Fort Bend County Narcotics Task Force was active in seeking to stop street-level drug dealing, including opioid proliferation. After a May 2017 bust where a variety of drugs were located, as well as paraphernalia indicating production and distribution, he

said, "These drugs were likely intended for young adults in our area ... We'll continue to aggressively go after those that seek to harm our youth."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

From Nehls' campaign website: "Our men and women in uniform risk life and limb in service to our country. We owe it to them to ensure they have adequate health care services when returning home. Dozens of Veterans are committing suicide every day. That is completely unacceptable. We must provide Veterans with access to the best mental and physical health services. We must also ensure the VA health care system is running efficiently and serving all Veterans who come through the door."



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Nehls is pro-life. In April 2020, his campaign website said, "It is abhorrent that our country allows the murder of hundreds of thousands of babies each year. A life is a life regardless of its stage. In Congress, I will fight to defund Planned Parenthood, support conservative pro-life Justices to the Supreme Court, participate each year in the March for Life, and protect all life giving a voice for the voiceless."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Troy's identical twin Trevor succeeded him as constable of Fort Bend County, and won the Republican nomination to succeed him as the sheriff of Fort Bend County in March 2020.

AUGUST PFLUGER



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

YEAR OF BIRTH

1978

FAMILY

Married, three children

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Political Science, U.S. Air Force Military Academy; Master's, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Master's, Air University at Maxwell AFB; M.A. International Business & Policy (pursuing), Georgetown University

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

RELIGION

Christian

KEY HEALTH LINK

Pfluger's wife is a guidance counselor.

 **@AUGUSTPFLUGER**

MILITARY SERVICE

At the age of 18, Pfluger received a congressional recommendation to the Air Force Academy and became an officer at age 22. Pfluger served for nearly two decades as a fighter pilot under the Pentagon and NATO Command. Pfluger was transferred to the Air Force Reserves, where he was recently promoted to the rank of colonel.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Advisor at the National Security Council, 2019

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

National Security Advisor, National Security Council

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Mike Conaway (R), retired

BIOGRAPHY

Pfluger served in the Air Force until recently. In 2019, Pfluger served for three months as a national security advisor with the White House National Security Council.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Pfluger was one of 10 Republican candidates seeking to succeed retiring Rep. Mike Conaway, winning the primary with 52.2% of the vote.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

No information found



HEALTH COVERAGE

When asked which bill he would like repealed if elected to Congress, Pfluger chose the ACA. He supports reforms that will expand health insurance choices and would like to give insurance companies permission to sell health insurance products across state lines.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

No information found



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found, but it is worth noting that Pfluger is a Veteran.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Pfluger is pro-life.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Pfluger would like to give insurance companies permission to sell health insurance products across state lines. He is concerned about hospital consolidation but said it was an issue for the states.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pfluger earned his Eagle Scout badge at the age of 15 and was later named captain of the varsity football and baseball teams at San Angelo Central High School. His favorite food is steak and his favorite dessert is cheesecake.

BETH VAN DUYN



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

50 (11/16/70)

RELIGION

Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Divorced, two children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in City and Regional Planning,
Government and Law, Cornell
University

 @BETHVANDUYNE

KEY HEALTH LINK

Van Dуйne's daughter, Katie, was diagnosed with an eye abnormality shortly after birth. This required several surgeries and left her daughter with a high sensitivity to sunlight. Van Dуйne raised money and recruited volunteers to build shade structures in a nearby park to help create a place where her daughter would be able to play outside.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Mayor of Irving, Texas 2011-2017
- Irving, Texas City Councilmember, 2004-2010

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Kenny Marchant (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Van Dуйne received over 50% of the votes cast in the 2020 Republican primary in Texas's 24th Congressional District, allowing her to avoid a runoff election. Van Dуйne ran against and received more votes in the general election than Democrat Candace Valenzuela.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Southwest Region

BIOGRAPHY

Van Dуйne served in marketing and strategic alliance roles for a technology company and was president of BCI Marketing Group for over nine years. Van Dуйne initially ran for the Irving City Council in 2004, defeating incumbent Democrat Herbert Gears, who she bested again in 2010 when she won the race for mayor. She served as Irving Mayor until 2017, when she decided not to run for re-election. After serving as a Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana, she was endorsed in her primary by President Trump and won the general election.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Van Duyne has posted on social media in support of CDC guidelines around slowing the spread of COVID-19. Her campaign suspended operations in early March 2020 and worked to provide resources to organizations in her district, including food pantries and police departments.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Van Duyne supports repealing and replacing the ACA, stating that it “was enacted based on lies, kept afloat through misappropriation of funds, and has done profound damage to the health care of Americans.” She supports association health plans, expanding access to health savings accounts, allowing people to purchase insurance across state lines and making health care plans portable.



MARIJUANA

Van Duyne opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As HUD regional administrator, Van Duyne discussed approaching homelessness solutions from a 360 degree perspective such as helping with mental health and addiction treatment.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

While a regional director for HUD, Van Duyne worked with various community organizations in her region to combat Veteran homelessness. These efforts helped reduce Veteran homelessness, including achieving a “functional zero” of homelessness in Norman, Oklahoma.



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Van Duyne is pro-life with the exceptions for protecting the life of the mother, if necessary. She has been endorsed by the Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

No information found

DID YOU KNOW?

Van Duyne was the first female mayor of Irving, TX.

BLAKE MOORE



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

40 (6/22/80)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @ELECTBLAKEMOORE

RELIGION

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Behavioral Science & Health, University of Utah; M.A. in Public Policy & Administration, Northwestern University

KEY HEALTH LINK

Moore is a COVID-19 survivor. Moore served as a health care consultant and managed an LLC, DocBerry International, while living in Asia. There, he "focused primarily on qualifying regional distributors for clients in the health care industry." His Cicero bio states Blake has "a deep understanding of the health care, higher education, and waste disposal markets."

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Rob Bishop (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Moore bested a field of 12 candidates in the primary for the Republican nomination, garnering 31% of votes.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Principal, Cicero Group consulting firm

BIOGRAPHY

Moore served as a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, focusing primarily on Chinese foreign policy. He also worked as an executive with the Cicero Group, a Utah-based management consulting firm, for nearly a decade before entering politics.

Moore's most prominent political experience was as GOP co-chairman with Better Boundaries, a group that pushed to pass a voter initiative to create an independent redistricting commission to help avoid gerrymandering.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As a member of Congress, Moore is committed to “adopting innovative policies to help get America back on track after the COVID-19 pandemic.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Moore supports repealing the ACA and replacing it with a more efficient, market-driven solution that gives more flexibility to states and improves cost and patient choice.



MARIJUANA

No information found



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

As a member of Congress, Moore is committed to reducing stigma and “provid[ing] useful tools for families and schools to better identify warning signs of mental health.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Moore believes a key cost containment strategy is to make medical costs more transparent and easy to compare, saying that, “Consumers having that power will create more affordability in the market. I think that’s the key thing.”



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Moore is pro-life and supports abstinence-based sexual education.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Moore includes transparent pricing, preventative care and reforming the Medicaid program in his health care priorities.

On Medicaid, Moore said, “Right now, our Medicaid system discourages you from kind of getting out of that poverty situation that you’re in...It actually discourages you from going out and

trying to make more income, because if you get to that point, then you’re not able to have health insurance. I think we have to target that issue.” Moore believes states should manage health care policies and the federal government should try to limit medical monopolies.

He is a regular fundraiser for the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

DID YOU KNOW?

Moore was an all-state high school quarterback, leading his team to the Utah state semifinal as a senior. Utah Governor Michael Leavitt presented him with a Governor’s Proclamation in honor of his accomplishments, and Ogden City Mayor Glenn Meacham did the same by declaring a city-wide “Blake Moore Day.”

Moore is an Eagle Scout who speaks fluent Korean.

BURGESS OWENS



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

69 (8/2/51)

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @BURGESSOWENS

RELIGION

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon)

FAMILY

Divorced, six children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Biology and Chemistry,
University of Miami

KEY HEALTH LINK

Owens is a prostate cancer survivor. He was also a part of a class action court case against the NFL for failing to protect them from head injury, stating he suffered “repeated and chronic” blows to the head that have put him at an “increased risk of latent brain disease” and led to memory loss and impulse control problems.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Never held elected office

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Ben McAdams (D), defeated in re-election bid

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Owens received the most votes in the Republican primary for Utah’s 4th Congressional District and faced incumbent Democrat Ben McAdams in the general election.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Founder & CEO, Second Chance 4 Youth

BIOGRAPHY

Burgess played safety for ten seasons in the National Football League (NFL) with the New York Jets and the Oakland Raiders. He was a member of the Raiders when they won the 1980 Super Bowl. Owens is the founder of Second Chance 4 Youth, a nonprofit that works with troubled and incarcerated youth, and has written books on his political views such as “Liberalism or How to Turn Good Men into Whiners, Weenies and Wimps” and “Why I Stand: From Freedom to the Killing Fields of Socialism.” Owens’ first run for public office was to represent Utah’s 4th Congressional District in the 2020 election.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Owens does not support a mask mandate. When asked his three top issues, he listed COVID-19 recovery first, saying, "Of course, the pandemic is affecting us all in many ways, physically, mentally and financially. We need to make sure we are keeping Americans safe, but also giving business the opportunities to adapt. We also need to make sure we're raising awareness for mental health during times like this."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Owens has stated that, "The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was no exception. It was neither about being affordable or about health care when it was implemented," adding that, "Obamacare no longer needs to be repealed, but changes are necessary in the current health care plan. Instead of the old top-down approach to health care, we need to open up the system to innovation and competition. We do this in three ways: decrease cost, give more choice, and provide better care. By creating more transparency, our country's health care system will be more patient-centered and less controlled by bureaucrats." Owens has stated his support for protections granted to those with pre-existing conditions.



MARIJUANA

Owens has received a B+ rating from NORML, indicating their belief that he "supports policies specific to the legalization of medical cannabis and/or support to give states greater autonomy in setting their own policies but [has] not cosponsored legislation to end marijuana prohibition."



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Owens has listed both suicide prevention and opioid recovery on his list of priorities. On his website, he stated that, "We have got to put an end to [the suicide] epidemic. We are losing our country's most valuable resource—indeed, we are losing our future. I believe this can be, at least in part, attributed to the devaluation of life and continual push to erase God and self worth from the lives of our children. When people don't have a purpose,

they lose their reason to live. We must return to the [Judeo-Christian] values that built this country and help our citizenry have hope in the future once again." During Mental Health Awareness Month, he tweeted, "Let's work to break the stigma surrounding mental health struggles. Seeking help is nothing to be ashamed of. Be sure to check in on your friends and neighbors who might be struggling, too."

On opioid addiction, he said, "It's time to re-educate our loved ones and our kids about these dangers, because obviously, what has been done in the past no longer is effective. I support President Trump's initiative to tackle the opioid crisis facing our country."



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Owens supports allowing Americans to import pharmaceuticals from Canada, as well as "President Trump's right to try and prescription drug initiatives."



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Owens is pro-life. He has stated, "The right to life is fundamental and given to us by God. All of God's children are endowed with inalienable rights which include life."



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

When discussing his support for importing drugs from other countries, he used insulin as an example on his website.

DID YOU KNOW?

Owens is an accomplished American football player, earning All-American honors in 1972 as a member of the University of Miami Hurricanes football team. Owens played as a safety for the New York Jets in the 1970s and was a member of the Oakland Raiders' Superbowl XV winning team. His performance earned him a spot in the 1981 Pro Bowl.

BOB
GOOD



Charlottesville
Danville
Lynchburg



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

55 (9/11/65)

RELIGION

Born-Again Christian

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

FAMILY

Married, three children

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Finance, Liberty University;
M.B.A. in Leadership,
Liberty University

 @GOODFORCONGRESS

KEY HEALTH LINK

Good is the former senior associate athletic director of Liberty University.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

Campbell County Supervisor, 2016-2020

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Campbell County Supervisor

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Denver Riggleman (R), defeated in primary

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Good and other Republican Party activists in the 5th district criticized incumbent Rep. Riggleman for not standing up for Party values. Part of these criticisms stemmed from disagreements over fiscal and immigration policy, in addition to Riggleman's decision to officiate a same-sex wedding between two of his friends who had volunteered on his campaign. Good received an endorsement from President Trump.

BIOGRAPHY

Good is the former senior associate athletic director of Liberty University. He was elected to the Campbell County Board of Supervisors in 2015 where he served through his election to the U.S. House. In 2020, the Virginia 5th Congressional District Republican Committee chose to nominate a candidate by convention as opposed to a primary election. Good defeated incumbent Denver Riggleman at the convention with 58% of the vote.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In an interview with Rappahannock News in September 2020, Good stated his support for President Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and the re-opening of the economy, but chose not to comment regarding health care after the pandemic. The Washington Post called him a "face mask skeptic."



HEALTH COVERAGE

Good wants the ACA to be repealed while ensuring coverage for pre-existing conditions is protected. In a debate, Good said, "I am in favor of market-driven, patient-centric reform that protects employer-provided health care, that doesn't make it impossible for employer-provided health care to compete with federally funded health care." He also opposes undocumented immigrants having access to taxpayer-funded health care.



MARIJUANA

Good opposes the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Good was criticized by the Democratic Party for voting in favor of \$567,000 in subsidies to Abbott Nutrition to incentivize them to expand their plant in his district because Abbott's parent company played a role in marketing OxyContin, an opioid drug.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

No information found



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Good is pro-life and supports outlawing the practice of abortion.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

While a county supervisor, Good opposed the "transgender bathroom mandate" for public schools.

DID YOU KNOW?

Good was a wrestler in high school and college, and continued his involvement in the sport as a coach and administrator after graduation. He won a state championship in high school and competed for Liberty University on a partial scholarship.

MARILYN STRICKLAND



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

58 (9/25/1962)

FAMILY

Married

RACE/ETHNICITY

African American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander; Strickland's mother was Korean, her father was African American

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.A. in Business, University of Washington; M.B.A., Clark Atlanta University

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Woman

 **@STRICKLANDFORWA**

KEY HEALTH LINK

Strickland previously worked at the American Cancer Society.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Mayor of Tacoma, 2010-2017
- Tacoma City Councilmember, 2008-2009)

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

President and CEO, Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Denny Heck (D), declined re-election to run for Lt. Governor of Washington

BIOGRAPHY

Strickland worked for several businesses including manager of Starbucks' online business and helped launch the City of Tacoma's public broadband cable service Click!. Strickland's first elected position was in 2008 as Tacoma City Councilwoman. She then served as Mayor for seven years before becoming the President and CEO of the Seattle Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

Strickland finished first in Washington 10th Congressional District's jungle primary, advancing to the general election against fellow Democrat Beth Doglio.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In a statement in September 2020, Strickland said, “We must honor the memories of those lost to this crisis by finally addressing the public health crisis with a comprehensive, science-based plan for prevention, testing, tracing, treatment, and vaccinations. We must ensure we are adequately prepared to face these types of threats in the future.”



HEALTH COVERAGE

Strickland supports the ACA and adding a public option that includes vision, dental and mental health as part of standard coverage. She also supports lowering the eligibility age for Medicare. She wants to strengthen protections for those with pre-existing conditions. She also wants to raise the age for young adults to stay on their parents insurance from 26 to 30.



MARIJUANA

Strickland supports the legalization of marijuana.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

Strickland has stated that, as a member of Congress, she will work to “decriminalize mental health crises and mental illness.” She also wants to see more investment in Veterans mental health services.

Strickland was involved in a lawsuit launched by the City of Tacoma against Purdue Pharma, Endo Health Solutions and Janssen Pharmaceuticals for “[making] false and misleading statements about the benefits and risks of opioids to doctors and patients over ... two decades.”



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Strickland intends to “advocate for patent reform so generic drugs can come to market more quickly, which will lower the cost of prescriptions.”



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

Strickland’s father was a Veteran, and she credits having the medical care they needed as a family to the VA. She intends to “work to improve the Veterans Health Administration so Veterans can

get the physical and mental health care they need in a timely manner.” She also intends to “advocate for increased investment in the VHA’s program for suicide prevention, and call for action to improve access to mental health resources—especially for Veterans suffering from conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder.”



WOMEN’S HEALTH

Strickland is pro-choice. Strickland intends to work for “universal free access to birth control” and funding for Planned Parenthood.



OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

Strickland wants to end surprise medical bills and require cost transparency from providers.

DID YOU KNOW?

Strickland was born in Seoul, South Korea. Along with newly elected California Representatives Michelle Steel and Young Kim, Strickland will be one of the first three Korean American women to serve in Congress. She will also be the first African American to represent the state of Washington at the federal level.

SCOTT FITZGERALD



Waukesha
West Allis
Wauwatosa



PERSONAL BACKGROUND

AGE

57 (11/16/63)

RACE/ETHNICITY

Caucasian/White

GENDER IDENTIFICATION

Man

 @FITZGERALDFORWI

RELIGION

Catholic

FAMILY

Married, three children

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

B.S. in Journalism, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

KEY HEALTH LINK

As State Senate majority leader, Fitzgerald has been a leading voice against expanding Medicaid in Wisconsin and fighting to overturn ACA in the courts.

MILITARY SERVICE

Fitzgerald joined the U.S. Army Reserve in 1981 and was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Armor Branch in 1985. He completed the Army Command and General Staff College, serving 27 years and retiring in 2009 at the rank of lieutenant colonel.

POLITICAL/PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Wisconsin State Senate (13th District), 1995-2020
 - Served as State Senate Majority Leader

INCUMBENT REPLACED

Jim Sensenbrenner (R), retired

2020 ELECTION CONTEXT

With the retirement of 21-term incumbent Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, the Republican primary was expected to be a hotly contested race in the consistently red district. However, candidates quickly cleared the field for the high-profile Fitzgerald to win the nomination with 77% of the vote.

MOST RECENT PROFESSION

Member of the Wisconsin State Senate

BIOGRAPHY

Fitzgerald worked in the newspaper business for nearly ten years, including as an owner. Fitzgerald was appointed Wisconsin Senate Majority Leader by his colleagues in 2011, continuing through the rest of his tenure as a state senator (except for a six-month period in 2012-13 as Minority Leader). In prior sessions, Fitzgerald served as Co-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Finance and Chairman of the Senate Corrections Committee.

Fitzgerald received national attention in the wake of the 2018 Wisconsin state elections, when Democratic candidates were elected to the offices of governor, attorney general and secretary of state. As Wisconsin Senate majority leader, Fitzgerald pushed for legislation during a lame duck session to curb power away from the incoming Democratic administration and shift responsibility to the state legislature.

ON THE ISSUES



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Fitzgerald supports mask wearing on a voluntary basis, but opposes any sort of mask mandate.



HEALTH COVERAGE

Fitzgerald wants the ACA to be repealed. During a lame duck session following the 2018 election, he authored a bill to prevent incoming Governor Tony Evers from removing Wisconsin from a federal lawsuit to overturn the Affordable Care Act. The responsibility for the lawsuit shifted to the state legislature. Though Fitzgerald has made no motion to support the expansion of Medicaid in Wisconsin, he did not rule out bringing a bill for vote in the Wisconsin Senate during his tenure.



MARIJUANA

Fitzgerald opposes the legalization of medicinal marijuana and rejected a proposal from GOP colleagues to consider legalization in Wisconsin in 2019.



MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION

In response to mass shootings in 2019, Fitzgerald and Wisconsin state leaders released a package of bills to bolster state mental health services. The bills would make grants available for mental health centers and nonprofits, provide an income tax deduction for psychiatrists who work in Wisconsin and update standards and practices for psychologists. As senate majority leader in Wisconsin, Fitzgerald was lead author of a bill to increase support for Wisconsin's addiction treatment alternatives and diversion programs, which passed in May 2017.



PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

While majority leader, Fitzgerald voted to create guidelines for "step therapy," a utilization management practice by insurers that requires patients to try less expensive prescription drugs before "stepping up" to drugs that cost more.



VETERANS HEALTH CARE

No information found



WOMEN'S HEALTH

Fitzgerald maintains a pro-life stance on abortion and supports the overturning of Roe v. Wade. He introduced several bills on abortion access to the Wisconsin state legislature, including the state's "partial-birth abortion" ban. He sponsored a state bill in 2020 to commemorate Jan. 22 as "Protect Life Day."



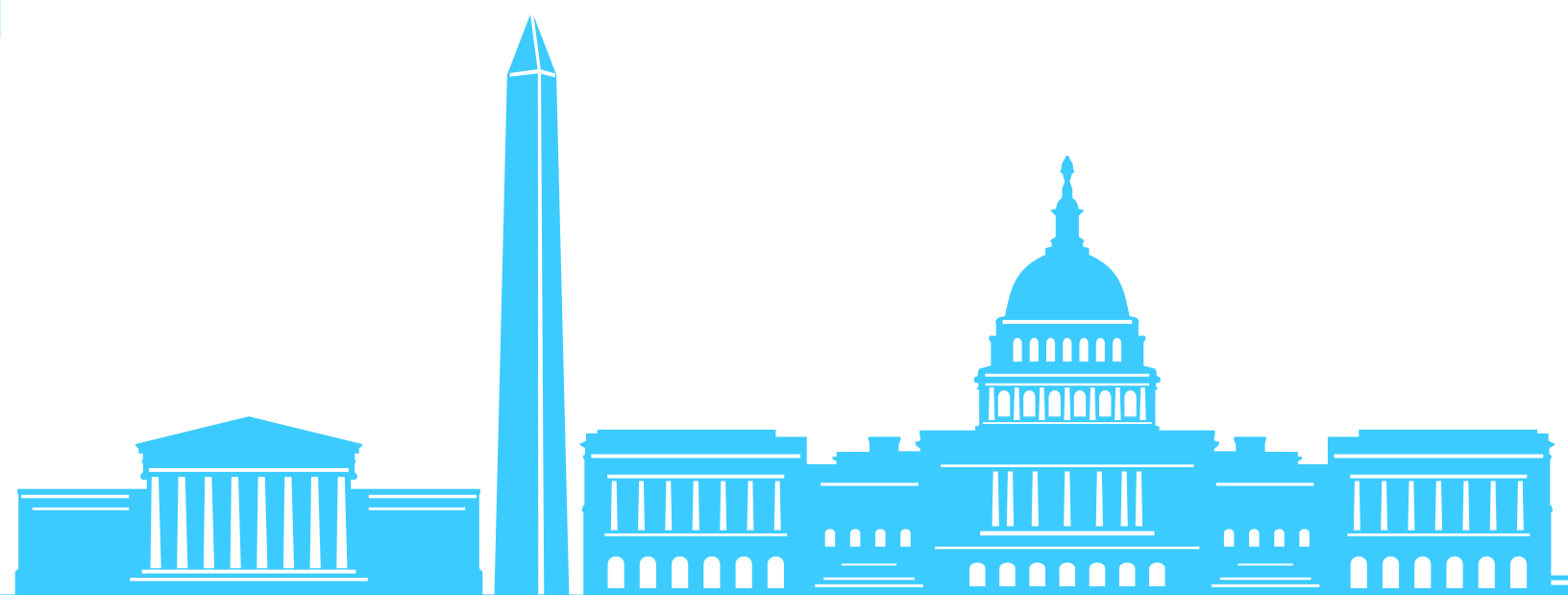
OTHER HEALTH CARE ISSUES

In January 2019, Fitzgerald and the Wisconsin Assembly overwhelmingly approved a bill that would force health insurers to cover pre-existing conditions if the ACA is repealed nationally.

Fitzgerald received criticism for aggressively blocking a proposal to require health plans to provide identical coverage for chemotherapy drugs taken as pills as for chemotherapy administered through IVs.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fitzgerald and his spouse own an 80-acre horse farm in Dodge County. His nickname in politics is "Big Fitz."



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