Date of Birth: **October 6, 1965**

Year Elected to Seat: **2008**

Education: **Louisiana State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Energy and Commerce**

House Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA-1)

Steve Scalise proudly represents the First Congressional District of Louisiana, stretching from the beautiful Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain and the culturally distinct New Orleans suburbs to the vibrant bayous and wetlands abundant in natural resources. He was elected to Congress in 2008 after serving in the Louisiana State Legislature from 1996-2008. He serves his colleagues as the House Republican Whip, the second highest position in House Republican leadership.

Scalise is a strong leader who upholds the Constitution, advocating for the principles of fiscal discipline, lower taxes, a robust national defense, and conservative values.

Scalise is effective at working with Republican and Democrat colleagues to pass legislation on issues important to Louisiana. A steadfast defender of Louisiana's coast, Scalise led the effort in the House to pass the RESTORE Act, which was signed into law in July 2012. The RESTORE Act dedicated the vast majority of Clean Water Act fines from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to coastal restoration. This legislation is widely regarded as the single most significant action taken to restore Louisiana's coast. Whip Scalise also is a strong supporter of revenue sharing and leads the fight in Washington to protect Louisiana's GOMESA funding, ensuring that Louisiana has access to the hundreds of millions of dollars dedicated to restoring our coast.

Critically wounded at a Congressional baseball practice on June 14, 2017, Scalise was saved by a heroic response from U.S. Capitol Police Special Agents and Alexandria Police Officers. Scalise fought for his life and returned to Congress, inspiring the nation with his resilience and optimism. Throughout his recovery, he was moved by the outpouring of prayers and support he and his family received from the American people.

A native of Jefferson Parish, Scalise graduated from Archbishop Rummel High School and Louisiana State University, where he earned a degree in Computer Science and a minor in Political Science. Scalise and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Madison and Harrison.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **September 13, 1973**

Year Elected to Seat: **2011**

Education: **Moorehouse College, Tulane University Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Homeland Security**
- **Judiciary**

Representative Cedric Richmond (D-LA-2)

Congressman Cedric Richmond represents Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Cedric currently serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security and the House Committee on the Judiciary. Outside of Committee service, he is an active member and Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and a member of the New Democrat Coalition.

As a member of the Committee on Homeland Security, Cedric works to ensure New Orleans and surrounding communities are adequately prepared for any emergency through oversight of the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). He also works to ensure the security of the nation's critical infrastructure, borders, and ports.

As a member of the Committee on the Judiciary, the second oldest standing committee in Congress, Cedric works with committee members to exercise oversight responsibility for the U.S. Departments of Justice and Homeland Security.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Cedric is a strong believer in the value of mentorship in his hometown. He is a graduate of Benjamin Franklin High School, earned his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, and his Juris Doctorate from the Tulane University School of Law in New Orleans. Cedric is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Education Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **August 24, 1961**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Louisiana State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Homeland Security**
- **Oversight and Reform**

Representative Clay Higgins (R-LA-3)

Captain Clay Higgins is a Republican member of the U.S. House of Representatives representing South Louisiana.

Raised on a horse ranch, Clay Higgins' South Louisiana roots run deep. After graduating from high school, he attended LSU and then went on to serve in the United States Army/Louisiana National Guard as a Military Police Officer, and he attained the rank of E-6, Staff Sergeant.

Higgins had many successful years in business but returned to uniform service as a street cop in 2004. He worked patrol, primarily night shift, and he was a well-known SWAT operator. Prior to joining Congress in 2017, Higgins is best known for his Crimestopper videos for the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office. The program was one of the most successful in the history of law enforcement. Most of the featured crimes were solved and what was most significant was that many of the suspects responded to "Uncle Clay's" message of redemption and turned themselves in. Captain Higgins continues to actively serve the Thin Blue Line retaining his POST State Certification as a Deputy Marshal in Lafayette, LA.

As a veteran and highly decorated law enforcement officer, Congressman Higgins continues to protect and serve in the nation's capital. He is a member of the Homeland Security Committee and the Oversight & Reform Committee.

A committed Constitutionalist, Congressman Higgins believes in restoring the federal government envisioned by our Founding Fathers. Higgins believes in smaller government, less bureaucracy, free markets, a strong national defense and securing America's sovereign borders. From Morgan City to the Texas line, Higgins has sworn a sacred oath to protect and serve the people of South Louisiana.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **January 30, 1972**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Louisiana State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Judiciary**
- **Natural Resources**

Representative Mike Johnson (R-LA-4)

Congressman Mike Johnson is a Republican member of Congress proudly serving Louisiana's Fourth District. He represents the nearly 760,000 residents of 15 parishes in the northwest and western regions of the state. Mike was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives on December 10, 2016, by the largest margin of victory in his region in more than 50 years. With nearly 20 years of experience in Constitutional law, he has been appointed to the powerful House Judiciary Committee and named Ranking Member for one of its subcommittees – the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. He also serves on the House Natural Resources Committee overseeing American energy production, mineral issues, fisheries and several other key contributors to Louisiana's economy. Mike was appointed to the Natural Resources Subcommittees on Oversight and Investigations and Water, Power and Oceans.

Mike is a dedicated husband and father of four, as well as a constitutional law attorney who has devoted his life and career to fighting for the fundamental freedoms and traditional values that have always been a priority to the people of Louisiana. For nearly 20 years, Mike successfully litigated high profile constitutional law cases in district and appellate courts nationwide. He is widely recognized as a leading defender of the right to life, religious liberty, free speech, the Second Amendment and free market principles. In his law practice, he drafted landmark legislation for many states and municipalities and provided legal counsel to members of Congress, governors, state legislatures, city councils, school boards, law enforcement agencies, ministries and non-profit organizations around the country.

Mike solidified his reputation as a principled, full-spectrum conservative when he served in the Louisiana Legislature from February 2015 to January 2017. He was elected to the state legislature twice without opposition, and he was honored to be appointed vice chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and to the Select Committee on Leadership. As a legislator, he has received top awards from business and industry, limited government, and pro-life and pro-family groups.

Mike earned his Juris Doctorate from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center at Louisiana State University in 1998 where he was selected as a member of the Moot Court Board and National Moot Court Team and was elected class president and president of the Christian Legal Society. He earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University in 1995, where he was selected to Leadership LSU and the Order of Omega Honor Society, Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as president of the LSU Interfraternity Council.

Mike and his wife Kelly, a former school teacher from Webster Parish, have been married since 1999 and have four children, Hannah, Abigail, Jack and Will. Today, they reside in Bossier Parish.

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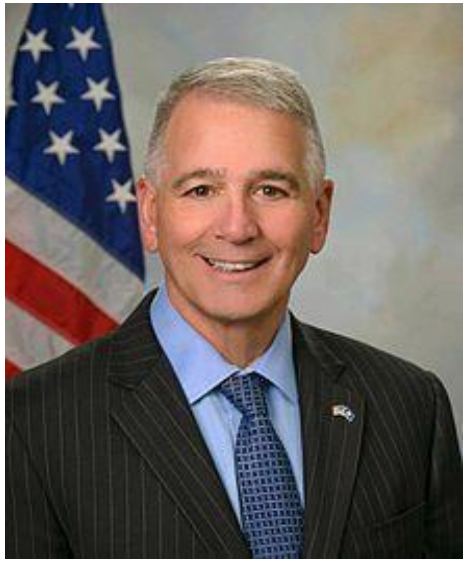

Date of Birth: **September 16, 1954**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **Louisiana State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Agriculture**
- **Armed Services**

Representative Ralph Abraham (R-LA-5)

Congressman Official photo of Congressman Ralph Abraham, M.D.Ralph Abraham, M.D., was first elected to represent Louisiana's 5th District in December 2014 and reelected to a second term in November 2016. The 5th District is the largest in terms of area in the state, spanning 24 parishes across most of Northeast and Central Louisiana and parts of five Florida parishes in the state's southern "boot." This is his first publicly held office after spending most of his life as a practicing physician, veterinarian, business owner, farmer, pilot and veteran.

Dr. Abraham grew up in rural Richland Parish where he and his wife, Dianne, reside today. Dr. Abraham graduated from Mangham High School before earning his degree at Louisiana State University. He graduated from the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine and practiced for 10 years before eventually seeking his Medical Doctor degree, which he earned at the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. As Dr. Abraham likes to say, he wanted to be able to “treat anything that walks on two or four legs.”

Dr. Abraham is a business owner and certified flight instructor.

Dr. Abraham and Dianne have been married for 42 years. They have three grown children and nine grandchildren.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **January 31, 1972**

Year Elected to Seat: **2010**

Education: **American University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Natural Resources**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Representative Garret Graves (R-LA-6)

Congressman Garret Graves represents Louisiana's Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives.

More than 750,000 people live in the 13 parishes that make up the sixth district, which includes most of Garret's hometown of Baton Rouge, the bulk of the Capital City's suburbs, parts of parishes along both sides of the Mississippi River to the western shores of Lake Pontchartrain and continues south through Thibodaux to Houma.

Last Congress, Graves chaired the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and was instrumental in the development, passage and enactment of a range of policy wins on rivers, levees, flood protection, coastal issues and Corps of Engineers reforms. He also brought about critical upgrades to federal disaster response and recovery programs, streamlining FEMA operations, creating faster recoveries and helping make communities across the nation more resilient to disaster.

Garret's leadership on transportation, infrastructure, energy, maritime, fisheries, coastal restoration, disaster and other issues critical to our state's economy and way of life are an asset in Congress.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **April 2, 1955**

Year Elected to Seat: **2009**

Education: **College of the Atlantic**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**
- **Agriculture**

Representative Chellie M. Pingree (D-ME-1)

Chellie Pingree never anticipated a life in politics. Living on the offshore island of North Haven, Maine, she raised her kids and ran a small business. She served on the school board and as the local tax assessor, a job no one else in town wanted. But in 1991, when she was approached about running for State Senate, she jumped at the chance.

Chellie Johnson (she has legally changed her name from "Rochelle") was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1955, the youngest of four children. Her father, Harry, worked in advertising and her mother, Dorothy, was a nurse. Chellie moved to Maine as a teenager, attended the University of Southern Maine, and graduated from the College of the Atlantic, in Bar Harbor. After college, she moved to North Haven, an island town of 350 people twelve miles off the coast of Rockland, to raise her family and make a living.

Chellie was elected to the Maine State Senate in 1992, representing Knox County. In 1996, Chellie was chosen by her peers to be the Maine Senate Majority Leader. She helped lead the Senate for four more years, until leaving office due to term limits. As a Senator, she fought for economic and social justice, taking on powerful adversaries - most notably the pharmaceutical lobby. In her last session, Pingree sponsored one of the nation's first prescription drug pricing bills, MaineRX. After a legal fight that led all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, the bill became law, and has since been a model for states around the country working to lower prescription drug prices.

After being term-limited from the Maine Senate in 2000, Pingree challenged incumbent U.S. Senator Susan Collins in 2002. As one of the few outspoken opponents of the Iraq War running for U.S. Senate, Chellie mounted a strong, but ultimately unsuccessful campaign.

In 2008, Chellie was elected to Congress from Maine’s 1st Congressional District—the first woman elected to Congress from that District. She has served on the House Rules Committee, Armed Services Committee, and Agriculture Committee. She currently sits on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, serving on the Subcommittee on Agriculture and the Subcommittee on Interior and the Environment.

Chellie has three grown children--Asa, Cecily, and Hannah, former Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **July 25, 1982**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Small Business**

Representative Jared Golden (D-ME-2)

Congressman Golden grew up in Leeds, a small rural town in Maine's 2nd Congressional District. After the September 11 attacks, Golden enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served four years in the military as an infantryman, deploying to Afghanistan in 2004, and Iraq in 2005-2006.

When Golden returned from service, he used the benefits he'd earned in the military to attend Lewiston's Bates College. While in school, he returned to Afghanistan as a volunteer school teacher. In 2011, Golden began serving as a staff member on the U.S. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for Senator Susan Collins.

In 2014, Golden was first elected to represent Lewiston in the Maine House of Representatives. He has passed legislation to help homeless veterans get back on their feet, fought for union workers rights and access to workers compensation benefits, and advocated for passenger rail services in Maine to help grow and strengthen local economies. In the Maine State Legislature, Golden was chosen by his peers to serve as the Democratic Assistant Majority Leader in 2016.

In 2018, he was elected to serve the people of Maine's Second District in the U.S. Congress. He currently lives in Lewiston with his wife Isobel.

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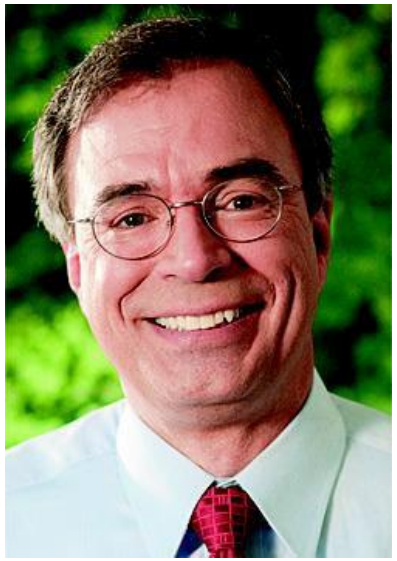

Date of Birth: **January 25, 1957**

Year Elected to Seat: **2011**

Education: **John Hopkins University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**

Representative Andy Harris (R-MD-1)

The son of immigrants who fled communist Eastern Europe immediately after World War II, Dr. Andy Harris has spent his life serving his neighbors, country and community. Whether it was as a physician at Johns Hopkins Hospital, as a medical officer in the Naval Reserve, as a state senator, or now as Congressman, Andy has built his life by serving others. He is dedicated to making sure every constituent in the First Congressional District receives the highest-quality assistance and is well-represented in the halls of Congress.

Born in Brooklyn in 1957, Andy grew up in a busy household as one of four boys. He found his calling studying medicine at Johns Hopkins University and Hospital in Baltimore, where he continued to practice as an anesthesiologist and served as an associate professor for nearly three decades. Andy specializes in obstetric anesthesiology, and over those years helped thousands of women through their labor and delivery. When he is not at work in Washington, Andy still practices at Memorial Hospital in Easton, Maryland.

Unhappy with the status quo in Annapolis, Andy decided to take on the establishment and run for the Maryland State Senate in 1998. Andy served in the State Senate for 12 years, and continued to practice medicine while in office – epitomizing our Founding Fathers' belief in a part-time, citizen legislature.

Maryland's First Congressional District first elected Andy to serve in the House of Representatives in 2010. He serves on the Committee on Appropriations and on the following subcommittees: Agriculture, and Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

Andy was married to his late wife Cookie for over 33 years, and he is the proud father of five children (Joe, Becky, Irene, Jessica, and Danny) and grandfather of seven (Charles, Abigail, Arthur, Andrew, Camilla, James, Sylvia). Andy lives with his wife, Nicole, their children, and dog in Baltimore County during the school year and in Dorchester County the rest of the year. In his free time, he enjoys spending time on the Chesapeake Bay with his family and repairing old cars with his sons.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **January 31, 1946**

Year Elected to Seat: **2003**

Education: **University of Maryland, University of Baltimore**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**

Representative C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD-2)

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger is serving his eighth term in the United States House of Representatives for the citizens of Maryland's 2nd District. Congressman Ruppersberger is known as a common sense consensus builder who works with Members from both sides of the aisle to get results for Maryland and the nation.

Congressman Ruppersberger currently serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee, including the Defense, the State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs and the Homeland Security subcommittees. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for allocating hundreds of billions of federal dollars each year.

On the committee, he developed a reputation for bipartisan leadership with then-Chairman and Republican Mike Rogers. Beginning in 2011, the pair worked together to pass five intelligence authorization bills over four years -- after a 6-year period without one -- as well as bipartisan cybersecurity legislation. In 2015, they became the first dual recipients of the prestigious William Oliver Baker Award from the nonpartisan Intelligence and National Security Alliance for their pragmatic leadership.

A former assistant state's attorney in Baltimore County, Congressman Ruppersberger decided to run for office after a near-fatal car accident while investigating a drug trafficking case. Thanks to the dedication of doctors at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma Center, Congressman Ruppersberger survived and began campaigning for office to assist Shock Trauma after they saved his life. He remains an active supporter of the hospital, serving as Vice Chairman of its Board of Visitors. He also serves on the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors.

Congressman Ruppersberger has served in public office for more than 30 years. He was elected to the Baltimore County Council in 1985 and again in 1989, chosen twice as council chairman. He was elected Baltimore County Executive in 1994 and 1998, and, under his leadership, the county was named one of the nation's four best-managed counties by Governing Magazine. The county achieved three AAA bond ratings and staggering job growth during his administration.

A native of Baltimore City, Congressman Ruppersberger spent his summers as a lifeguard and police officer in Ocean City, Md. He attended Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland College Park, where he played lacrosse. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore Law School.

The Congressman has been married for 46 years to his high school sweetheart, the former Kay Murphy. Together they have two grown children, Cory and Jill, and three grandchildren, Camden, Parker and Libby.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **May 22, 1962**

Year Elected to Seat: **2007**

Education: **Princeton University, Harvard Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Energy and Commerce**
- **Oversight and Reform**

Representative John P. Sarbanes (D-MD-3)

Congressman John Sarbanes has represented Maryland's Third Congressional District in the U.S. Congress since 2007. He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, in addition to the House Subcommittee on Health, the House Subcommittee on Energy and the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. Congressman Sarbanes also serves on the House Oversight and Reform Committee and its Subcommittee on Government Operations. Since 2017, he has chaired the Democracy Reform Task Force, a bold effort in the House of Representatives to build a government that puts public interest ahead of special interests.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Congressman Sarbanes has experience working in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. He and his family live in Towson, giving him the opportunity to drive home every night and hear from people he serves in Congress. Listening to their concerns allows him to better represent Maryland and has shaped his work in the House of Representatives.

Before coming to Congress, Congressman Sarbanes served for seven years with the Maryland State Department of Education, working to make Maryland's public school system one of the best in the nation. He practiced law for eighteen years, representing hospitals and senior living providers in their mission to deliver high-quality health care to the people of Maryland. Congressman Sarbanes also worked with public interest organizations in Maryland, like the Public Justice Center, where he championed efforts to protect consumers, provide decent public housing and ensure fair treatment in the workplace.

Congressman Sarbanes graduated from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University and studied law and politics in Greece on a Fulbright Scholarship. After graduating from Harvard Law School, he returned to Baltimore, where he clerked for Judge J. Frederick Motz on the federal district court.

Since childhood, Congressman Sarbanes has attended the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore and he has also been active with his wife and children in the Bolton Street Synagogue.

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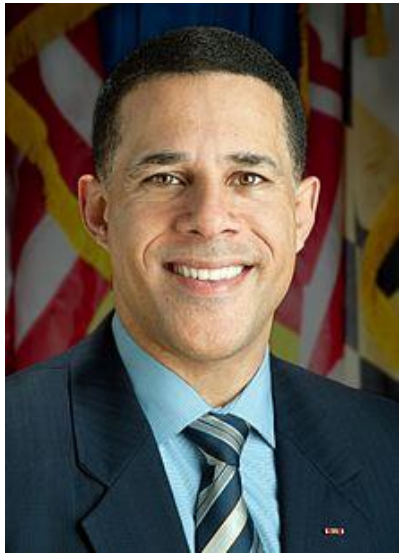

Date of Birth: **November 21, 1961**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**
- **Natural Resources**

Representative Anthony G. Brown (D-MD-4)

Anthony Brown was elected to his first term representing Maryland's 4th Congressional District - encompassing parts of Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties - on November 8, 2016 and was sworn in on January 3, 2017.

The son of immigrants and raised in a home where his father was the first in the family to ever attend college, Congressman Brown was taught the value of service at a young age. Through his military and public service, Anthony has devoted his life to serving his community and defending our nation.

In 1998, Congressman Brown was first elected to the Maryland House of Delegates to represent Prince George's County. Recognized by his colleagues for his leadership, Congressman Brown rose quickly, serving as Vice Chair of the powerful House Judiciary Committee and, later, as Majority Whip.

Congressman Brown made an even larger impact on Maryland during his eight years as Lt. Governor. He fought to increase investments in Maryland schools so that every child could receive a world-class education, protected victims of domestic violence, expanded health coverage to over 391,000 Marylanders, increased employment and health services to veterans, and spearheaded efforts to plan for and coordinate the arrival of 60,000 BRAC-related jobs to Maryland, including at Joint Base Andrews and Fort Meade.

Congressman Brown is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He and his wife Karmen are members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Largo. They reside in Prince George's County where they are raising their three children, Rebecca, Jonathan, and Anthony.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **June 14, 1939**

Year Elected to Seat: **1981**

Education: **University of Maryland**

Committees Assignments:

- **Majority Whip**

Majority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD-5)

In the Fifth Congressional District, Congressman Steny H. Hoyer is a tireless fighter for economic development and a leader in creating jobs. He has helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs by supporting federal facilities and associated businesses located in and around the Fifth District, including NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the FDA at White Oak, and the future NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park.

As House Majority Leader for the 116th Congress, Congressman Hoyer is the second-ranking member of the House Democratic Leadership. He is charged with mobilizing the party vote on important legislation, acting as a liaison between Members and the Democratic Leadership, and coordinating strategy within the Caucus. He also plays a key role in shaping House Democrats' legislative priorities and in delivering the Democratic message.

Congressman Hoyer is also dedicated to outstanding constituent service. At offices in Washington, D.C., Greenbelt, and Waldorf, he and his staff help constituents cut through red tape and solve problems related to passports, immigration, government services, and a host of other issues.

Congressman Hoyer attended Suitland High School in Prince George's County, and in 1963 he graduated with high honors from the University of Maryland, selected "Outstanding Male Graduate" that year. In 1966, he received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center. That same year, at the age of 27, he won a seat in the Maryland Senate.

In 1975, he was elected President of the Senate, the youngest ever in state history, and served in that body until 1978. He was a member of the State Board of Higher Education from 1978 to 1981, the year in which he came to Congress after winning a special election.

Congressman Hoyer currently serves on the St. Mary's College Board of Trustees. He also is a former member of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland and the United States Naval Academy Board of Visitors. Congressman Hoyer and his wife, the late Judith Pickett Hoyer, have three daughters: Susan, Stefany, and Anne; son-in-law Loren Taylor; grandchildren Judy, James Cleveland, and Alexa; and great-grandchildren Ava, Braedon and Brooklyn.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **September 21, 1955**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Furman University, University of Pennsylvania**

Committees Assignments:

- **Education and Labor**
- **Foreign Affairs**

Representative David Trone (D-MD-6)

David Trone's story is an American story. Born in Cheverly, Maryland, David's mother was a teacher and his father was a salesman for Trans World Airlines (TWA). When David was 11, his dad moved the family to a working farm near the Maryland-Pennsylvania border. With no indoor plumbing for a year and a father with no experience in farming, David and his brothers carried much of the load, selling eggs, cleaning hog pens and chicken houses, and all the other work farming requires.

David knows the importance of education firsthand. It enabled him to go from a struggling farm to starting a successful company. David earned a BA from Furman University (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), then with student loans and money from brokering eggs on a pay phone an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

David opened his first store while he was a graduate student. Its success confirmed his belief that success in retail depends on offering great products at lower prices than the competition, creating an exceptional experience for consumers, and providing superior compensation and opportunities for his team members.

In business and beyond, David's top priority is family. At Wharton, David met June, who earned a degree in engineering before earning her Wharton MBA. They recently celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary. Their four children – Michelle, Julia, Natalie, and Rob – are young adults. The youngest Trones are energetic canines, Lyndon and Hubert. While building Total Wine & More, David always found time to be deeply involved in his children's lives. He coached youth sports for 16 years, including 13 different teams in one hectic year.

David knows that his path to success was possible not just because of hard work but also because of opportunities that he has had. He is a proud Democrat and has been deeply involved in politics at the local and national level, both personally and in his business. Operating in the most regulated retail industry in America, David has worked closely with elected leaders from city council members to mayors to governors and state legislators to give consumers a break.

David and June have hosted events at their home to benefit the political activities of President Obama, President and Secretary Clinton, and Vice-Presidential nominee Tim Kaine, among others.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **January 18, 1951**

Year Elected to Seat: **1995**

Education: **Howard University, University of Maryland Baltimore**

Committees Assignments:

- **Oversight and Reform, Chairman**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Representative Elijah E. Cummings (D-MD-7)

Congressman Elijah E. Cummings was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he still resides today. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Howard University, serving as Student Government President and graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law. Congressman Cummings has also received 13 honorary doctoral degrees from Universities throughout the nation.

Congressman Cummings has dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he is sworn to represent. He began his career of public service in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served for 14 years and became the first African American in Maryland history to be named Speaker Pro Tem. Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Cummings often says that our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see. In that vein, he is committed to ensuring that our next generation has access to quality healthcare and education, clean air and water, and a strong economy defined by fiscal responsibility.

Congressman Cummings is also a senior member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, serving on both the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Congressman Cummings serves on numerous boards and commissions. He is spearheading an effort to strengthen the Maritime Transportation Technologies Program at New Era Academy (NEA) in Baltimore, serving as Chairman of the NEA Maritime Advisory Board. He also serves on the U.S. Naval Academy Board of Visitors, the Morgan State University Board of Regents, the University of Maryland Law School Board of Advisors, and the SEED School of Maryland Board of Directors. He is an honorary Board member of KIPP Baltimore Schools and the Baltimore School for the Arts. He was also the holder of the Gwendolyn S. and Colbert I. King Endowed Chair in Public Policy Lecture Series at Howard University from 2014 – 2016.

Congressman Cummings is an active member of New Psalmist Baptist Church and is married to Dr. Maya Rockeymoore Cummings.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **December 13, 1962**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Judiciary**
- **Oversight and Government Reform**
- **Rules**
- **House Administration**

Representative Jamie Raskin (D-MD-8)

Congressman Jamie Raskin proudly represents Maryland's 8th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The district includes parts of Montgomery, Carroll, and Frederick Counties. Congressman Raskin was sworn into his second Term at the start of the 116th Congress on January 3, 2019.

Congressman Raskin is a returning Member of the House Judiciary Committee, the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Committee on House Administration. He is a new Member of the House Committee on Rules. Raskin is Chairman of the Oversight Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and Vice Chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution. Raskin is also serving as Caucus Leadership Representative in the 116th Congress, a role in which he represents Junior Members of the Caucus (those who have served five or less Terms) at the leadership table.

Prior to his time in Congress, Raskin was a three-term State Senator in Maryland, where he also served as the Senate Majority Whip. He quickly earned a reputation for building coalitions in Annapolis, and delivered a series of landmark legislative accomplishments. He was also a professor of constitutional law at American University's Washington College of Law for more than 25 years. He authored several books, including the Washington Post best-seller Overruling Democracy: The Supreme Court versus the American People and the highly-acclaimed We the Students: Supreme Court Cases For and About America's Students, which has sold more than 50,000 copies.

Congressman Raskin is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. He and his wife, Sarah Bloom Raskin, live in Takoma Park with their dog, Potter. They have three children: Tabitha, Tommy, and Hannah.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **February 14, 1949**

Year Elected to Seat: **1989**

Education: **American International College, University of Hartford**

Committees Assignments:

- **Ways and Means, Chairman**

Representative Richard E. Neal (D-MA-1)

Richard Neal was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on February 14, 1949 and was raised and educated in the City of Springfield. He is a 1972 graduate of American International College, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and was a member of the National Honor Society. He received his Masters Degree in Public Administration from the Barney School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Hartford in 1976.

Richard Neal was first elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1988. Since January 2019, he is the Chairman of the powerful tax-writing Ways and Means Committee.

Congressman Neal is the dean of both the Massachusetts Delegation and the New England Congressional Delegation. He is a long-time guest lecturer at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and a Trustee at Mount Holyoke College. He is a National Trustee of John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. He served as the Mayor of the City of Springfield from 1984 to 1988, and was highlighted in Newsweek Magazine for his many accomplishments during that time.

Congressman Neal has been a lead sponsor of legislation to prevent American companies from moving offshore to avoid paying U.S. taxes. He has sponsored legislation that would increase the national savings rate by encouraging the use of individual retirement accounts, and has worked to make health care and tuition expenses tax deductible for middle class people. He successfully led the charge to eliminate the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) for middle-class families in America. He has a long legislative history of fighting to preserve and protect Medicare and Social Security.

Congressman Neal is an At-Large Whip for the House Democrats. He is a co-chairman of the New England Congressional Caucus, where he advocates for the unique regional interests of the six New England States. Congressman Neal is the Democratic Leader of the Friends of Ireland Caucus.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **November 20, 1959**

Year Elected to Seat: **1997**

Education: **American University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Agriculture**
- **Rules, Chairman**

Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA-2)

Congressman Jim McGovern was born in Worcester on November 20, 1959 and grew up around the corner from his current home on Burncoat Street. Growing up in Worcester taught Jim a lot about the value of hard work and giving back to his community.

Jim helped stock shelves at McGovern's Package Store, a small business owned by his family since 1937. He attended Burncoat Elementary School and then Worcester Academy. By seventh grade, Jim knew he wanted to make a difference. He volunteered on the 1972 presidential campaign of Senator George McGovern (D-SD) – no relation – and held signs and knocked doors for the Senator's anti-war campaign.

Later, he managed Senator McGovern's second presidential campaign in Massachusetts, delivering his 1984 nominating speech during the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco.

Jim attended The American University in Washington, D.C. where he earned both his bachelor's degree in History ('81) and his Master's Degree in Public Administration ('84). He worked his way through college as an intern in the office of Senator George McGovern.

Jim was elected to the House of Representatives in 1996, and through his work in Washington and at home in Massachusetts, he has been a voice for the most vulnerable and a strong advocate for working families. In 2001, Jim was appointed to a seat on the powerful House Rules Committee, "the traffic cop of Congress" which sets the terms for debate on most legislation. Jim is now the Ranking Member of the Rules Committee.

As a leading advocate in Congress for peace, Jim has repeatedly called attention to the lack of Congressional oversight and approval of America's wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria. Throughout his career, Jim has been a voice for reallocating defense spending towards domestic priorities like education, infrastructure, and supporting our veterans and seniors.

Jim's work on behalf of Massachusetts and the nation has a proven record of success and he is proud to represent Massachusetts' Second Congressional District in Washington, D.C.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **October 27, 1973**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Georgetown University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**

Representative Lori Trahan (D-MA-3)

Lori Trahan was born and raised in a working class family in Lowell, Massachusetts. As one of four girls growing up in a union household, Lori learned the value of hard work from early age. After earning a scholarship to play Division 1 volleyball at Georgetown, Lori worked as Chief of Staff to former Congressman Marty Meehan, followed by a successful career in high-tech and business. She and her husband, Dave, are raising two young girls. Lori is focused on fighting for working families on issues such as affordable healthcare, quality public education, workforce development, the environment and addressing the opioid crisis.

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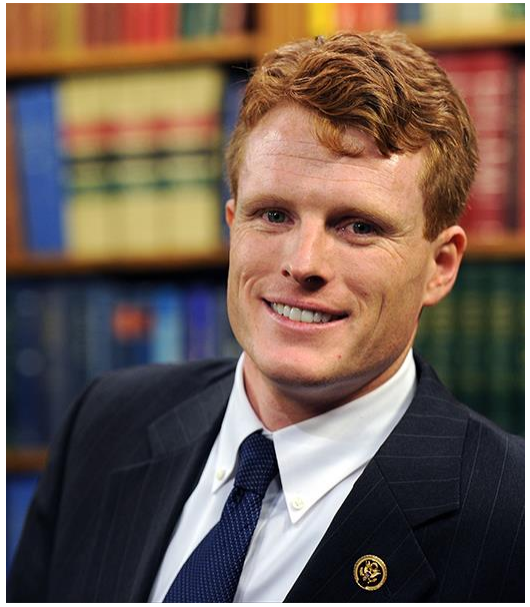

Date of Birth: **October 4, 1980**

Year Elected to Seat: **2013**

Education: **Stanford University, Harvard Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Energy and Commerce**

Representative Joe Kennedy (D-MA-4)

Joe Kennedy III is proud to serve the Fourth District of Massachusetts in Congress.

Currently in his fourth term, he represents a diverse district that stretches from the suburbs of Boston to the more industrial cities of Massachusetts' South Coast.

As a member of the influential House Energy & Commerce Committee, Joe has crafted a legislative agenda driven by the needs of his constituents. With a focus on issues like mental health and addiction, energy costs, manufacturing and STEM education, he has prioritized bipartisan reforms that directly impact the families, businesses and communities he is honored to represent.

His efforts to strengthen mental health parity laws, increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for behavioral health providers, and ensure the federal government invests in the entire continuum of care have made him an emerging leader on mental health and substance use disorders issues in Congress.

Inspired by the rich manufacturing tradition of the 4th Congressional District and the modern economic challenges many of his communities face, Joe has been a vocal advocate for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education, vocational schools and community colleges since he arrived in Washington. His Perkins Modernization Act and STEM Gateways Act, which focus on expanding educational opportunity to middle and working-class students, both passed the House in 2016 with broad bipartisan support.

Additionally, his Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act (RAMI) wassigned into law by President Obama in 2014. The bipartisan legislation supports a networkof domestic manufacturing centers aimed at fueling new technologies and educating a next-generation workforce.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **July 17, 1963**

Year Elected to Seat: **2013**

Education: **St. Lawrence University, Cornell Law School, Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**

Representative Katherine Clark (D-MA-5)

Congresswoman Katherine Clark proudly serves the Fifth District of Massachusetts. She was first elected in a special election in December of 2013.

Katherine's career in public service is driven by her commitment to helping children and families succeed. She is a vocal advocate for ending wage discrimination, protecting women's health care, access to affordable, high-quality child care, paid family leave, safer schools, and other reforms to address the challenges women and families face. She believes that Congress must work to end the glaring disconnect between the needs of families at home and priorities in Washington.

In Congress, she brings her experience as a state senator, state representative, general counsel for the Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services, and policy chief for the state attorney general.

Katherine represents a diverse district comprised of 24 cities and towns that stretch from the coastal communities of Revere and Winthrop through the economic engine of MetroWest.

As of January 3, 2019, she joined the House leadership team as Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, making her the sixth highest ranking Democrat in Congress. Additionally, she serves as a member of the Steering and Policy Committee within the Caucus.

Katherine serves on the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations and three subcommittees within Appropriations: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies; Legislative Branch; and Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies.

Katherine is a member of several caucuses in Congress, including the Congressional Progressive Caucus and the Women's Caucus.

Katherine, her husband Rodney and their three boys Addison, Jared and Nathaniel live in Melrose.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **October 24, 1978**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **Harvard Business School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Budget**

Representative Seth Moulton (D-MA-6)

Seth Moulton was first called to service when he joined the Marines in 2001, days after graduating from college and months before the attacks on 9/11. As the leader of an infantry platoon, he was among the first Americans to reach Baghdad in 2003. He served four tours in a war that he didn't agree with – but he was proud to go, so no one had to go in his place.

After returning home from Iraq, Seth earned joint degrees in Business and Public Policy at graduate school, and then worked in the private sector in Texas to build the country's first high speed rail line. But it wasn't long before he was called to serve once again – this time in his home district in Massachusetts.

Seth ran – and won – on a platform of bringing a new generation of leadership to Washington, becoming the only Democrat to unseat an incumbent in a primary in 2014.

In the two terms since he was first sworn in, Seth has worked tirelessly to uphold his commitment to bipartisanship. He has passed several bipartisan bills, including the Faster Care for Veterans Act and the Modernizing Government Travel Act, and was named the most effective freshman Democrat by the Center for Effective Lawmaking. He has also concentrated on spurring economic development in Massachusetts, creating the first intergovernmental task force focused on growing the economy of Lynn, the biggest city in his district.

Today, as a member of the Budget Committee, Seth is focused on creating a new economic agenda that will make a difference for American families. He also sits on the House Armed Services Committee and is the top Democrat on the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Seth lives in Salem, Massachusetts with his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter, Emmy.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **February 3, 1974**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Boston University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Financial Services**
- **Oversight and Reform**

Representative Ayanna Pressley (D-MA-7)

Pressley was born in Chicago, Illinois, to mother, Sandra Pressley, who worked multiple jobs to support the family and also worked as a community organizer for the Chicago Urban League advocating for tenant's rights, and father, Martin Pressley, who struggled with addiction and incarceration throughout Pressley's childhood, but eventually became a college professor. The marriage ended in divorce.

Pressley grew up on the north side of Chicago and went to the Francis W. Parker School. While at the prestigious private school, she was a cheerleader, did modeling and voice-over work, appeared in Planned Parenthood bus advertisements, and was a competitive debater. During her senior year of high school she was voted the "most likely to be mayor of Chicago" and was the commencement speaker for her class. Her mother later moved to Brooklyn, where she worked as an executive assistant, and later remarried. When Pressley was elected to the Boston City Council, her mother would often attend the public meetings, wearing a hat that said "Mama Pressley."

From 1992 to 1994, Pressley attended the College of General Studies at Boston University, but left school to take a full-time job at the Boston Marriott Copley Place to support her mother, who had lost her job. She took further courses at Boston University Metropolitan College, also known as MET. Pressley has not earned a college degree.

After leaving Boston University, Pressley worked as a district representative for United States Representative Joseph P. Kennedy II, for whom she had interned during college. The work included assisting constituents with Social Security claims and working with senior citizens and veterans and people with disabilities. Pressley went on to become Kennedy's scheduler, then worked as constituency director, before becoming the political director and senior aide for Senator Kerry. During 2009, Pressley served as United States Senator John Kerry's (D-Mass.) political director, responsible for managing his relationships with elected officials at the city, state and federal level and with various community leaders.

Pressley was first elected to the Boston City Council in November 2009. Upon being sworn in on January 4, 2010, she was the first woman of color to serve in the 100-year history of the Boston City Council. The only woman in a field of 15 candidates, Pressley earned one of four at-large spots on the city's 13-member council with nearly 42,000 votes.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **March 31, 1955**

Year Elected to Seat: **2001**

Education: **Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston College School of Law, Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Financial Services**
- **Oversight and Government Reform**
- **Transpiration and Infrastructure**

Representative Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA-8)

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch was first sworn in to the United States Congress in October 2001, following the sudden passing of legendary Congressman John Joseph Moakley.

The son of Francis Lynch, an ironworker, and Anne Lynch, a postal clerk, Congressman Lynch was born and raised in the public housing projects of South Boston.

Upon graduation from South Boston High School in 1973, Congressman Lynch entered the Ironworkers Apprenticeship Program and later joined his father as a member of Boston's Ironworkers Local 7. He worked as a structural ironworker for 18 years and was eventually elected to serve as president of The Iron Workers Union, the youngest president in the history of the 2000 member union.

Congressman Lynch continued his education at Wentworth Institute of Technology on nights and weekends, earning a Bachelor's degree in Construction Management. He later received a law degree from Boston College Law School, was admitted to both the Massachusetts and New Hampshire Bar, and continued his advocacy for working people as a labor and employment attorney.

In 1994, Congressman Lynch was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. After just fourteen months in office, he was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate in a special election. In the Senate, he served as the Chair of the Joint Committee on Commerce and Labor. In 1999, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Congressman Lynch is a co-founder of the Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus, which was formed to protect workers' rights and educate Members of Congress on issues that impact American families.

Lynch continues to serve as co-chair of the Task Force on Anti-Terrorism and Proliferation Financing, a bipartisan Congressional panel that monitors the status of national and international efforts to track and stop the flow of funds to terrorist groups and works to strengthen our national anti-terrorist finance strategy.

He and his wife Margaret continue to live in their lifelong hometown of South Boston where they are raising their daughter Victoria and niece Crystal.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **September 6, 1952**

Year Elected to Seat: **2011**

Education: **Boston College, Suffolk University Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Foreign Affairs**
- **Armed Services**

Representative Bill Keating (D-MA-9)

Congressman William R. (Bill) Keating was elected to the United States House of Representatives on November 2, 2010 - one of only nine new Democratic Members to be elected to the 112th Congress. He represents Massachusetts' 9th Congressional District, which encompasses the state's South Shore, South Coast, Cape Cod and the Islands of Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket.

In Congress, Bill has established himself as a hardworking civil servant and passionate advocate for the people of Massachusetts – a reputation he had earned since his days in the State's legislature. Bill's legislative priorities reflect a keen understanding of the issues facing his constituents and a commitment to addressing them: working to create jobs by supporting our small businesses and increasing educational opportunities; strengthening our middle class families; improving our domestic security; providing our senior population with the resources they need; ensuring our veterans receive the benefits they deserve; and protecting our unique ecosystems.

Prior to being elected to the United States House of Representatives, Bill had already exemplified a life of public service and a commitment to the state of Massachusetts. Born in Norwood, he is the proud grandson of Irish immigrants and was instilled with the work ethic and principles inspired by them and his father, who served his community as a police officer and then as a veterans agent. Bill attended Boston College where he received his B.A. and Masters in Business Administration. To put himself through college and his graduate program, he worked as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service.

In 1977, at the age of 23, Bill was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives. While serving in the State House, he entered Suffolk University Law School and became a member of the state bar in 1985. The same year, he began serving in the Massachusetts State Senate, where he served as Senate Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, the Joint Committee on Public Safety, and the Joint Committee on Taxation, respectively. He also served as the Senate Chairman of the standing Committee on Steering and Policy.

Bill was then elected to be Norfolk District Attorney, a position he held from 1999 until his election to Congress. As a District Attorney, he pursued some of Massachusetts' toughest cases. He was instrumental in programs targeted to increase community-based crime prevention, prevent senior abuse, reduce incidents of domestic violence, provide post-traumatic stress disorder services for veterans, stop bullying in our schools, and keep drugs off our streets.

Under his leadership, the Norfolk District Attorney's office became the first in Massachusetts to win a murder conviction in a case that lacked a victim's body. During this time, Bill also became one of the founding members of the Norfolk Advocates for Children, a public-private partnership whose mission is to aid abused children.

Bill and his wife, Tevis, reside in Bourne and are the proud parents of two children, Kristen and Patrick.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **February 2, 1947**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Gustavus Adolphus College, University of West Florida**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Veterans Affairs**

Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI-1)

Whether serving as a Three-Star General in the Marine Corps, carrying passengers safely from one destination to another as a pilot for Northwest, or starting his own business in the medical equipment field, Jack Bergman has always been committed to serving others. He's always been mission- and results-motivated, and as Representative of Michigan's First Congressional District, that means supporting policies and practices that work for Michiganders.

Jack grew up in a small town and learned fast that living the American Dream means working hard and doing the right thing. Those are the same values that guided him during his more than 25 years in concurrent military and private industry leadership roles, and they're the same values that are guiding him as he works for Michigan's First District in Congress.

The Bergman family roots in Michigan run deep—as early as the 1800s, Jack's ancestors were earning a living in the iron mines in the Upper Peninsula. After a series of moves required by his military career, Jack and his wife Cindy came back home to Michigan and settled in Watersmeet.

Jack is a Constitutional conservative who is adamant that public service should be about people and not about process. He believes that government's role is to protect individual rights, to secure a free market economy that creates jobs and opportunities for success, and to empower "We the People"—and not politicians or special interest groups—to make decisions about their lives and livelihoods.

Jack's first priority is serving his constituents, and he's working hard to leave a world that is better and safer for them and for his eight grandchildren.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **January 31, 1969**

Year Elected to Seat: **2011**

Education: **Calvin College**

Committees Assignments:

- **Financial Services**

Representative Bill Huizenga (R-MI-2)

Congressman Bill Huizenga (HIGH-zen-guh) represents Michigan's 2nd Congressional District which stretches from Kentwood to the lakeshore and up the coast of Lake Michigan from Holland to Ludington. Huizenga was first elected to Congress in 2010 and is currently serving in his fifth term.

Huizenga's interest in public service began when he was a young boy. When the family was gathered around the dinner table, his father would encourage thoughtful discussions surrounding business and politics. Huizenga went on to attend Holland Christian High School, and later received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Calvin College. After college, Bill began his career as a Realtor and entrepreneur. Today, Bill co-owns Huizenga Gravel Inc. located in Jenison, MI.

Bill became deeply familiar with the issues facing West Michigan residents while serving as the Director of Public Policy for Congressman Pete Hoekstra. That experience combined with Bill's first-hand knowledge of the regulatory and tax burdens facing small businesses and the desire to create a better environment for his children inspired Bill to return to public service.

In 2002, Huizenga was elected to represent the southern portion of Ottawa County, Michigan's 90th District, in the Michigan House of Representatives. There, he served in elected leadership roles as well as Chairman of the Commerce Committee. He was re-elected until term-limited out in 2008.

Congressman Huizenga is a lifelong resident of Ottawa County, where he currently resides with his wife and children.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **April 18, 1980**

Year Elected to Seat: **2011**

Education: **University of Michigan, University of Michigan Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Oversight and Government Reform**

Representative Justin Amash (R-MI-3)

Representative Justin Amash (pronounced uh-MOSH) represents Michigan's Third District in the 116th United States Congress. He was elected to his first term on November 2, 2010.

Justin was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He received his bachelor's degree with High Honors in economics from the University of Michigan and his juris doctor from the University of Michigan Law School. He worked for his family's business, as a business lawyer, and as a Michigan state representative before his election to Congress.

Justin is leading the incorporation of Facebook and other social media into his work as an elected official by posting an explanation of every vote online, and he has set new standards for transparency and accountability.

Justin believes government overspending is one of the biggest threats to our economic health and national security, and he has introduced an innovative balanced budget amendment—the Business Cycle Balanced Budget Amendment—to control government spending and reduce the national debt. He supports a fair and simple tax code and a regulatory environment that promotes economic prosperity.

As an ardent defender of Americans' civil liberties, Justin has been a leading critic of the unconstitutional suspicionless mass collection of all Americans' phone records, the indefinite detention provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and the Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA).

When asked by a New York Times reporter to describe his voting methodology, Justin explained: "I follow a set of principles, I follow the Constitution. And that's what I base my votes on. Limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty."

Justin is a member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform (COR). He serves on the COR Subcommittee on Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the COR Subcommittee on National Security. Justin also chairs the House Liberty Caucus.

Justin lives in Cascade Charter Township with his wife Kara, a graduate of Calvin College and a former elementary school teacher. Justin and Kara have three children.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **May 8, 1961**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **Hope College, Harvard University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**

Representative John Moolenaar (R-MI-4)

Congressman John Moolenaar represents the residents of Michigan's Fourth Congressional District. He is currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

Moolenaar brings years of leadership experience in the private and public sectors to Congress. He has worked as a chemist and business development director, and as an administrator at Midland Academy of Advanced and Creative Studies.

As a public servant, Moolenaar has been elected to the Midland City Council, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the Michigan Senate. Moolenaar was born and raised in Midland, where he now lives with his family. He has a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Hope College and a master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

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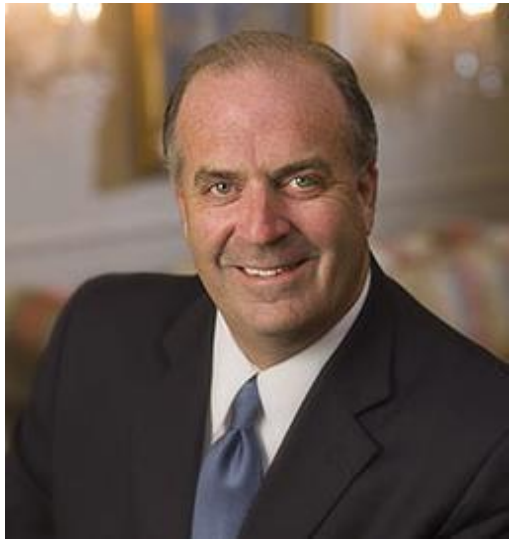

Date of Birth: **August 11, 1958**

Year Elected to Seat: **2013**

Education: **Central Michigan University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Ways and Means**
- **Budget**

Representative Dan Kildee (D-MI-5)

Born and raised in Flint, Congressman Dan Kildee is a lifelong Michigander. In Congress, he has proven he can bring people together and get real results for his constituents and Michigan.

Congressman Dan Kildee holds various leadership positions in Congress. As Chief Deputy Whip—part of the Democratic leadership team in the 116th Congress—he acts as an important liaison among Members of Congress and the leadership to build support for Democratic priorities and legislation.

Congressman Kildee serves on the prestigious Ways and Means Committee, the oldest and one of the most powerful committees in the U.S. House of Representatives. On the committee, Congressman Kildee works to lower the costs of health care premiums and prescription drugs, protect Social Security and Medicare, negotiate fair trade deals, and create a tax system that benefits working families, not just the richest corporations. The committee also has vast jurisdiction over important programs including Unemployment Insurance, enforcement of child support laws, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and foster care and adoption programs.

Before being elected to Congress, Congressman Kildee co-founded and served as the president of the Center for Community Progress, a national non-profit organization focused on urban land reform and revitalization.

He also founded Michigan's first land bank – the Genesee County Land Bank – which is responsible for tens of millions of dollars in redevelopment in Flint. The Genesee County Land Bank later served as a model for over 100 other land banks across the nation.

Previously, Congressman Dan Kildee served as the Genesee County Treasurer, on the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and on the Flint Board of Education. Additionally, he worked for eight years at the Whaley Children's Center, a residential treatment facility in Flint for children who have experienced trauma and abuse.

Congressman Kildee resides in Flint Township with his wife, Jennifer. They have two children, Kenneth and Katy. Dan's oldest son, Ryan, and his wife Ginger are the parents of their first two grandchildren, Caitlin and Colin.

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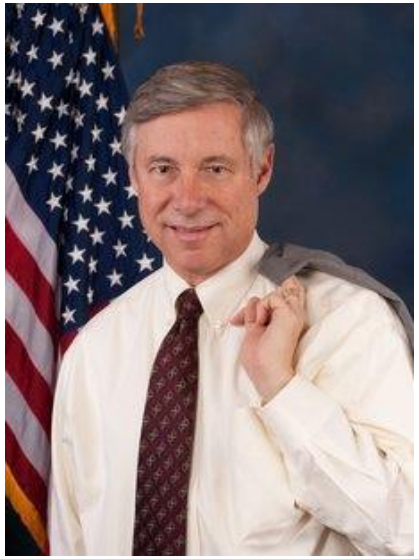

Date of Birth: **April 23, 1953**

Year Elected to Seat: **1987**

Education: **University of Michigan**

Committees Assignments:

- **Energy and Commerce**

Representative Fred Upton (R-MI-6)

Congressman Fred Upton is proud to represent the common-sense values of Southwest Michigan's Sixth Congressional District. A diverse section of the state that stretches from the shores of Lake Michigan, the Sixth District is home to key industries that range from agriculture to auto parts manufacturing to high-tech biomedical innovation centers. It includes all of Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties, and most of Allegan County.

Prior to his election to Congress, Fred worked for President Ronald Reagan in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). While at OMB, he learned from President Reagan's example that it does not matter who gets the credit, as long as the job gets done. That has been Fred's approach since he was first elected to Congress in 1986 and continues today.

From 2010 to 2016, Fred was selected by his House colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. This pivotal committee has jurisdiction over matters concerning energy, healthcare, the environment, telecommunications, commerce, manufacturing, and trade, as well as oversight and investigations. Hard work and bipartisan success was a staple during Fred's tenure as chairman of the committee. Under Fred's leadership, the Committee passed 354 legislative measures through the House and saw 202 of those signed into law by the president. Fred currently serves as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy, which has jurisdiction over national energy policy.

Fred's top priorities remain job creation, economic growth, and working to help all residents of Southwest Michigan live longer, better lives.

Fred strongly supports an 'All-of-the-Above' energy strategy that focuses on American energy development, emerging clean energy technologies, and traditional energy. This focus keeps costs low for families and businesses and helps America become free from reliance on foreign oil. Fred is also fighting to bring a halt to costly federal rules and regulations that needlessly slow private-sector growth. Fred believes in ensuring that the federal government remains limited, transparent, and accountable to Southwest Michiganders.

Fred was born on April 23, 1953, and holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Michigan. He and his wife, Amey, have two adult children.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **April 12, 1951**

Year Elected to Seat: **2007-2009, 2011-Present**

Education: **Fort Wayne Bible College, Wheaton College**

Committees Assignments:

- **Education and Labor**
- **Energy and Commerce**

Representative Tim Walberg (R-MI-7)

Tim Walberg is currently serving his sixth term in Congress as the representative of south-central Michigan. The diverse constituency of Michigan's 7th District encompasses Branch, Eaton, Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, and Monroe Counties, along with parts of Washtenaw County. Since first taking office, Tim has hosted hundreds of coffee and town hall meetings to better understand the thoughts and concerns of the district.

Prior to his time in public office, Tim served as a pastor in Michigan and Indiana, as president of the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact, and as a division manager for Moody Bible Institute. He also served in the Michigan House of Representatives from 1983 to 1999, and is proud to bring his reputation as a principled legislator, fiscal reformer, and defender of traditional values to Washington.

In the 116th Congress, Tim serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

He and his wife, Sue, have been married for over 40 years, and enjoy spending time outdoors and riding on their Harley. They live in Tipton, Michigan, where they raised their three children: Matthew, Heidi and Caleb.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **July 10, 1976**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Cornell Unviersity, Columbia University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Homeland Security**

Representative Elissa Slotkin (D-MI-8)

Representative Elissa Slotkin is honored to serve the residents of Michigan's 8th Congressional District, a district that includes Ingham, Livingston, and North Oakland Counties.

Rep. Slotkin has spent her career in national service. After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, which took place during her first week of graduate school in New York City, Rep. Slotkin knew that national service would define her career. She was recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to be a Middle East analyst and went on to devote her career to protecting the United States from national security threats. In her role at the CIA, Rep. Slotkin worked alongside the U.S. military during three tours in Iraq as a militia expert. In between her tours in Iraq, Rep. Slotkin held various defense and intelligence positions under President Bush and President Obama, including roles at the White House and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. In 2011, Rep. Slotkin took a senior position at the Pentagon and, until January 2017, she served as Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs. In this role, Rep. Slotkin oversaw policy on Russia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa at the Pentagon and participated in negotiations on some of the country's most pressing national security issues.

It is this same mission-focus that Rep. Slotkin brings to issues affecting citizens of Michigan's 8th congressional district. For Rep. Slotkin, this means ensuring that everyone has access to healthcare they can afford, lowering the price of prescription drugs, protecting access to clean water and Michigan's Great Lakes, and returning decency and integrity to politics. Rep. Slotkin's background in national security contributes to the urgency and passion she brings to increasing government integrity and accountability and passing campaign finance reform. To learn more about Rep. Slotkin's legislative priorities, click here.

A third-generation Michigander, Rep. Slotkin spent her early life on her family farm in Holly, Michigan. The generations of Slotkins before her worked in the family business, Hygrade Foods, which was headquartered in Detroit and produced iconic foods loved by Michiganders, like the Ballpark Frank first sold at Detroit's Tiger Stadium. The values that made the family business successful instilled in Rep. Slotkin an enduring commitment to integrity, decency, and hard work that guided her to a career of service. The Slotkin family business is well represented in Rep. Slotkin's office, with hot dog figurines and artwork proudly displayed. Rep. Slotkin attended Cornell University (BA) and Columbia University in the City of New York (MA).

Rep. Slotkin's home is her family farm in Holly. Rep. Slotkin's husband, Dave, is a retired Army colonel who served for 30 years as an Apache helicopter pilot. Her two stepdaughters have pursued their own lives of service, one as a physician and the other as a new Army officer.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **September 6, 1931**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Harvard Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Education and Labor**
- **Foreign Affairs**
- **Veterans Affairs**

Representative Andy Levin (D-MI-9)

A union organizer, human rights activist, workforce policy expert and green energy entrepreneur, Congressman Andy Levin has spent his career fighting for an equitable and inclusive future for all people. He's bringing that fight to Congress as the proud representative for Michigan's 9th District.

Andy has been advocating for working families since the 1980s, when he organized hundreds of health care workers for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). After working with Haitian immigrant workers, Andy co-founded an organization to assist immigrants with challenges posed by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

From 1995-2006, Andy served as Assistant Director of Organizing at the national AFL-CIO, where he created and ran Union Summer, helped many unions with collaborative organizing campaigns around the country, and created and led the Voice@Work Campaign, which organized the national movement to pass the Employee Free Choice Act.

Andy has worked on human rights for decades, including doing legal work for asylum seekers in the US and investigating and reporting on human rights abuses in Haiti, China and Tibet.

Born in Detroit and raised in Berkley, MI, Andy is an honors graduate of Williams College and Harvard Law School and holds a Masters Degree from the University of Michigan in Asian Languages and Cultures, where he was a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities.

Andy has long been active in the spiritual and social justice life of the Jewish community. Until his election to Congress, he served as president of a Reconstructionist Jewish synagogue, Congregation T'chiyah, and as chair of the steering committee of Detroit Jews for Justice, an organization he helped create to fight for racial and economic justice in Detroit.

Andy married his high school sweetheart Mary Freeman in 1991. They have four children — Koby, Saul, Ben, and Molly — and live in Bloomfield Township.

Andy learned and worked in Haitian Creole and Tibetan and also studied French, Sanskrit, and Hindi. He remains an avid ice hockey player and enjoys yoga, mountain biking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other wilderness adventures.

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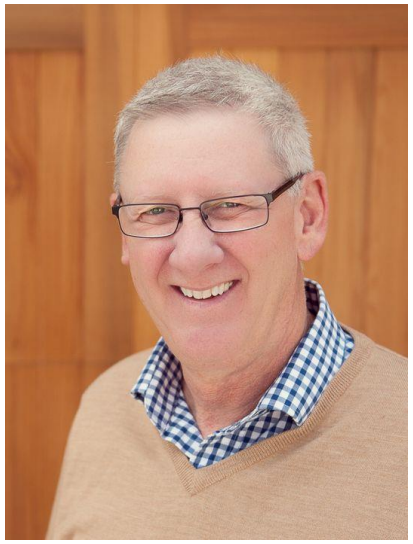
Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.



Date of Birth: **November 14, 1956**

Year Elected to Seat: **2017**

Education: **Michigan State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Armed Services**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Representative Paul Mitchell (R-MI-10)

Paul Mitchell was elected to the 115th Congress to represent Michigan's 10th District. The district includes Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola, Lapeer, St. Clair and Macomb counties. Upon his election to Congress, his new Republican colleagues selected him as the Freshman Representative to the GOP House Leadership. He serves on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Armed Services Committee, and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Paul, the oldest of seven, is the proud son of a GM autoworker, and graduated from Michigan State University. Paul and his wife Sherry live with their family on a farm in Dryden, Michigan.

Paul's love for his home state and its citizens has led him to a life of service. His record of leadership includes organizing the fight to defeat the Proposal 1 tax increase in Michigan, which would have been the largest tax increase in Michigan in fifty years. In addition, Paul has dedicated much of his career to workforce training, serving the State of Michigan, Chrysler, and ultimately as CEO of Ross Education.

Paul is humbled by the trust of his fellow Michiganders, and is thrilled to represent them in our nation's capital.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **June 24, 1983**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **American University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Education and Labor**
- **Science, Space, and Technology**

Representative Haley Stevens (D-MI-11)

Congresswoman Haley Stevens grew up in Rochester Hills, Michigan, and graduated from Seaholm High School in Birmingham. She earned a master's degree in social policy and philosophy and a bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy from American University.

Before being elected to Congress, Congresswoman Stevens served as the Chief of Staff to the U.S. Auto Rescue Task Force, the federal initiative responsible for saving General Motors, Chrysler, and 200,000 Michigan Jobs. She also played a key role in setting up the Office of Recovery for Automotive Communities and Workers, and the White House Office of Manufacturing Policy.

Congresswoman Haley Stevens sits on the House Committee on Education & Labor, and the House Committee on Science, Space & Technology. On these Committees, Congresswoman Stevens works to protect access to healthcare, promote manufacturing, expand educational opportunity, stand up for workers' rights, and increase investment in critical research and development.

Congresswoman Stevens resides in Rochester Hills and attends Kensington Church in Troy.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **November 23, 1953**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **Georgetown University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Energy and Commerce**
- **Natural Resources**

Representative Deborah Dingell (D-MI-12)

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell represents the 12th District of Michigan in the U.S. House of Representatives. Before being elected to Congress, Debbie was the Chair of the Wayne State University (WSU) Board of Governors. An active civic and community leader, she is a recognized national advocate for women and children.

With values instilled by her Catholic education, Debbie's activism took root in her passion for issues important to women and children. She successfully fought to have women included in federally-funded health research, and advocated for greater awareness of issues directly related to women's health, including breast cancer and women's heart health. She is a founder and past chair of the National Women's Health Resource Center and the Children's Inn at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). She has served on numerous boards related to women's issues including the advisory boards for the NIH Panel for Women's Research, the Michigan Women's Economic Club, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and the board of the Michigan Women's Foundation. She was a co-founder of both the first Race for the Cures in Michigan and in Washington, D.C.

Much of Debbie's recent work has been focused on ethical issues and social responsibility as they relate to government and business. She co-chaired One United Michigan, which sought to preserve and support programs that ensure equal opportunity in Michigan. She chairs the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, a statewide organization that brings business, labor and government together to find commonality on issues. She continues to serve on the Parade Company board of directors of which she is past chair, where she helped save America's Thanksgiving Parade, an important Detroit tradition. A known "bridge-builder," she continues to promote and lead efforts toward greater understanding among people of differing points of views and backgrounds.

Debbie is a respected voice in Michigan. She co-hosted Detroit Public Television's "Am I Right," regularly served as a panelist on "Flashpoint," a public affairs program on WDIV-TV4 Detroit, and was named one of the 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan by Crain's Detroit Business.

Debbie resides in Dearborn with her husband, retired Congressman John D. Dingell of Michigan. She holds both a B.S.F.S. in Foreign Services and an M.S. in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **July 24, 1976**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Wayne State University, Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School**

Committees Assignments:

- **Oversight and Reform**

Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-MI-13)

Rashida Tlaib is a well-known progressive warrior and, in her own words, “a mother working for justice for all.” Her two young sons are at the root of her unwavering passion to help change lives for the better. She is the oldest of 14 children, born and raised in Detroit, the proud daughter of Palestinian immigrant parents.

Rashida made history in 2008 by becoming the first woman to ever serve in the Michigan Legislature. She is beloved by residents for the transformative constituent services she provided, and for successfully fighting the billionaires and corporations that tried to pollute her district. When families get to know Rashida, they have no doubt that she will work tirelessly to knock down barriers for real change, and whether by policy or action, she will roll up her sleeves to make sure her residents are cared for, no matter how big the challenge. This is what sets Rashida apart from the crowd.

She is currently the Congresswoman for Michigan’s 13th Congressional District, which includes the city of Detroit and many surrounding communities.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **October 18, 1954**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **Central Michigan University**

Committees Assignments:
- **Oversight and Government Reform**
- **Appropriations**

Representative Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14)

Congresswoman Brenda L. Lawrence has lived in Michigan's 14th Congressional District, which includes a portion of Detroit as well the City of Southfield and 16 other cities located in Oakland and Wayne counties, her entire life. She was re-elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November of 2018, and she serves as a Co-Chair of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues and 2nd Vice Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. She serves on the House Appropriations Committee serving on subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (THUD), subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and subcommittee on Interior, Environment. She is also a member on the House Oversight and Reform Committee where she serves on the subcommittee on Government Operation and subcommittee on National Security.

Born and raised in Detroit, Congresswoman Lawrence is a product of Michigan's public school system. She is an alumna of Pershing High School and earned her bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. Before she began her career in public service, the Congresswoman had a notable career with the U.S. Postal Service.

She was elected Mayor of the City of Southfield in November of 2001 and became the first African American and the first woman to serve in that post. She previously served on the Southfield City Council, where she was elected President in 1999. She has also served on the Southfield Public School Board of Education as President, Vice President, and Secretary.

She and her husband, McArthur Lawrence, are the proud parents of Michael and Michelle. They also adore their granddaughter, Asya.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **August 4, 1962**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **George Mason University**

Committees Assignments:
- **Agriculture**
- **Small Business**

Representative Jim Hagedorn (R-MN-1)

Congressman Jim Hagedorn was born in Blue Earth, Minnesota, in 1962, to Tom and Kathleen. His formative years were spent on a 160-acre grain and livestock farm outside of Truman. Jim was part of a rich family tradition of farming, with his father, grandfather and great-grandfather all being southern Minnesota farmers. Jim and his sisters gained a firsthand understanding of farming and small business. He helped work the land, walk the bean fields, feed the hogs, maintain the property and appreciate country living and small town values.

During high school, Jim saved for college and his first automobile by delivering newspapers, mowing lawns, and teaching tennis as an assistant professional. Beginning at age 18, Jim worked full-time jobs as a busboy and salesman to self-finance his college education. Jim attended George Mason University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics.

In 1984, Jim began serving Minnesota's Seventh District as Republican Congressman Arlan Stangeland's legislative assistant. Jim handled an array of issues and successfully managed the Congressman's legislative agenda, including stewardship of a bipartisan "workfare" bill that required able-bodied welfare recipients to work for benefits. This bill was conceptually enacted into law shortly after Republicans won control of the House of Representatives in 1994.

On January 3, 2019, Jim was sworn in to represent Minnesota's First District in the U.S. House of Representatives. The First District includes 21 counties from South Dakota to Wisconsin, along the Iowa border. Jim married Jennifer Carnahan in 2018. He resides in his hometown of Blue Earth and worships at St. Paul Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Blue Earth.

Jim serves on the House Committees on Agriculture and Small Business to promote farming, Main Street enterprises and southern Minnesota's rural way of life.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **February 14, 1972**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **University of Memphis**

Committees Assignments:
- **Agriculture**
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**

Representative Angie Craig (D-MN-2)

Rep. Angie Craig represents Minnesota's Second Congressional District. She is fighting for working families - and for a Minnesota where every member of every family gets a fair shot. That means an opportunity for an outstanding education, career skills and technical training for 21st century jobs of the future, and a better life. She will work with anyone to improve the lives and opportunities of Minnesotans.

Rep. Craig learned the value of hard work from her mother, a single mom who raised three children while earning her teaching degree. She too worked two jobs to help put herself through college. Years later, she moved to Minnesota and fell in love with the strong communities and quality of life. She and her wife Cheryl Greene have four sons – three in college or tech school and one in high school. They live in Eagan, Minnesota. She is a small business investor, the former head of Global HR for a major Minnesota manufacturer, and a former newspaper reporter.

In Congress, Rep. Craig is fighting to make sure career skills and technical education is an option for every young person; to lower the cost of healthcare and to work toward a solution that expands healthcare to many more Americans; for infrastructure investments that benefit our communities – big and small; and for policies that reward people for their hard work – especially family farmers and small business owners. She plans to pursue these priorities through her appointments on the House Committees on Agriculture and Transportation & Infrastructure. But she knows she can't do it alone. Through regular town hall meetings and work in the district, Rep. Craig hopes to hear from you directly about how she can help deliver economic opportunity to every Minnesotan.

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Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Representative Dean Phllips (D-MN-3)

Dean Phillips is a father, businessman, civic leader, and newly-elected Representative for Minnesota's 3rd Congressional District.

A Gold Star Son who lost his birth father, Artie, in the Vietnam War, Dean was adopted into the Phillips family when his mother DeeDee married Eddie Phillips, who raised Dean to work hard and always share success.

Dean attended Brown University before returning to Minnesota to earn his MBA from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Business. After working at a variety of startup businesses, he joined his family business, Phillips Distilling, which he eventually led. He later went on to help build Talenti Gelato into one of the top-selling ice cream brands in the country. He is now co-owner of Penny's Coffee, a small business with two locations and more on the way.

In Congress, Dean is focused on campaign finance, electoral and ethics reforms, and addressing healthcare costs, global climate change, and our nation's gun-violence epidemic.

Date of Birth: **January 20, 1969**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Brown University, University of Minnesota**

Committees Assignments:
- **Financial Services**
- **Foreign Affairs**

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **July 12, 1954**

Year Elected to Seat: **2001**

Education: **College of St. Catherine**

Committees Assignments:

- **Appropriations**

Representative Betty McCollum(D-MN-4)

Betty McCollum is a Democrat representing the families of Minnesota's Fourth District in the United States House of Representatives. In 2000, Congresswoman McCollum made history as only the second Minnesota woman elected to serve in Congress since statehood in 1858. McCollum represents the residents of Minnesota's capital city, St. Paul, as well as all of Ramsey County and most of Washington County.

Throughout her career in public service, Congresswoman McCollum has been a champion for excellence in education, protecting the environment, expanding health care access, fiscal responsibility, and robust international engagement that prioritizes diplomacy, development, along with a strong national defense.

In the 116th Congress, Congresswoman McCollum brings a common sense, Minnesota perspective to her work as a member of the House Appropriations Committee where she serves as the Chair of the Interior-Environment Subcommittee and as the Vice Chair of the Defense Subcommittee.

Prior to Congress, Congresswoman McCollum served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1993 to 2000 and was elected Assistant Leader three times by her Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party colleagues. From 1987 to 1992, she served her neighbors on the North St. Paul City Council.

In addition to elected office, Congresswoman McCollum's career has included teaching high school social science, as well as, twenty-five years in retail sales and management. She is a graduate of the College of St. Catherine, and the mother of two adult children. Congresswoman McCollum is a Minnesota native who grew up in South St. Paul, raised her family in North St. Paul, and now lives in St. Paul.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **October 4, 1981**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **North Dakota State University**

Committees Assignments:

- **Education and Labor**
- **Foreign Affairs**
- **Budget**

Representative Ilhan Omar (D-MN-5)

Ilhan Omar is a Somali American politician from Minnesota. In 2016, she was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives as a member of the Democratic–Farmer–Labor Party, making her the first Somali American elected to legislative office in the United States.

On November 6, 2018, Omar became the first Somali American elected to the United States Congress, representing Minnesota's 5th congressional district, which spans Minneapolis, Edina, Richfield, Golden Valley and other suburbs. Along with Democrat Rashida Tlaib of Michigan, she was one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress. Omar is also the first Somali American elected to Congress, and the first woman of color to serve as a U.S. Representative from Minnesota.

Omar was born in Mogadishu and was raised in Baydhabo, Somalia. She was the youngest of seven siblings. Ilhan's father, Nur Omar Mohamed, is a Somali, and worked as a teacher trainer. She was raised by her father and grandfather. Ilhan's grandfather, Abukar, was the director of Somalia's National Marine Transport, with her uncles and aunts also working as civil servants and educators.After the start of the civil war in 1991, she and her family fled the country and spent four years in a refugee camp in Kenya.

In 1995, Omar and her family immigrated to the United States, initially settling in Arlington, Virginia. In 1995, they moved to Minneapolis, where Ilhan learned English. Her father and grandfather emphasized during her upbringing the importance of democracy, and she accompanied her grandfather to caucus meetings at age 14, serving as his interpreter. Omar became a U.S. citizen in 2000.

As of September 2015, Omar was the Director of Policy & Initiatives of the Women Organizing Women Network.The association advocates for women from East Africa to take on civic and political leadership roles

In 2016, Omar ran on the Democratic–Farmer–Labor (DFL) ticket for the Minnesota House of Representatives. On August 9, Omar defeated Mohamud Noor and incumbent Phyllis Kahn in the DFL primary. Her chief opponent in the general election was Republican nominee Abdimalik Askar, also an activist in the Somali American community. In late August, Askar announced his withdrawal from the campaign. In November 2016, Omar won the general election, becoming the first Somali American legislator in the United States.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **March 3, 1961**

Year Elected to Seat: **2015**

Education: **William Mitchell College of Law, University of Alaska**

Committees Assignments:
- **Financial Services**

Representative Tom Emmer (R-MN-6)

Congressman Tom Emmer was sworn in for his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives on January 6, 2015. He is currently serving his second term. Recently, on November 6, 2018, he was overwhelmingly re-elected to a third term in the 116th Congress.

Tom was recently elected by his fellow Republican colleagues to join the House GOP Leadership team as the Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee for the 116th Congress. Currently, he sits on the House Financial Services Committee. He is also a member of the Republican Deputy Whip Team and the House Republican Steering Committee.

Born in 1961, Tom grew up in Minnesota and attended St. Thomas Academy. He received his BA in Political Science from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and his JD from William Mitchell College of Law.

After practicing law for several years, he opened his own law firm. The next 20 years were spent balancing family, business, hockey coaching, and serving on the city councils in Independence and Delano.

Before coming to Congress, in 2004, he served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 2004-2008.

He and his wife Jacquie have been married over 30 years and have seven children. They reside in Delano.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **June 29, 1944**

Year Elected to Seat: **1991**

Education: **Minnesota State University Moorhead**

Committees Assignments:
- **Agriculture, Chairman**
- **Veterans Affairs**

Representative Collin C. Peterson (D-MN-7)

Collin Peterson was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the Seventh Congressional District of Minnesota in 1990. His primarily rural and agricultural district reaches from the Canadian border in the north, almost to the Iowa state line in the south; along Minnesota's border with North and South Dakota. Peterson is Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, which has jurisdiction over a wide range of agriculture and rural development issues, including the Farm Bill, renewable energy, disaster assistance, nutrition, crop insurance, conservation, rural development, international trade, futures market regulation, animal and plant health, agricultural research, bioterrorism, forestry, and others.

Congressman Peterson grew up on a farm near Glyndon, Minnesota and was educated in the local public schools. He graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead in 1966 with a double major in Business Administration and Accounting, and also served in the North Dakota National Guard from 1963 to 1969. Before being elected to the House of Representatives, he was a Certified Public Accountant and small business owner in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and also served for ten years in the Minnesota State Senate.

During his public service career, Peterson has been a strong advocate for farmers and small business owners, and a leader on both federal tax policy and conservation issues. He has been a leader on the last four Farm Bills passed by Congress. He is a founding member of the conservative Democrats' "Blue Dog" Coalition, which continues to be a voice for fiscal responsibility and pragmatic government policies. Peterson is the most senior member of the House Committee on Agriculture and currently serves as its Chairman. He previously served as Chairman in the 110th and 111th Congresses.

Peterson has taken a leading role in Congress promoting biofuels as a homegrown way for America to meet its growing energy needs, and he has introduced legislation to expand biofuel production and use. Peterson's leadership led to the successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill, which preserved the safety net for farmers while making historic new investments in food, farm and conservation programs that are priorities for all Americans.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.

Date of Birth: **May 10, 1966**

Year Elected to Seat: **2019**

Education: **Lake Superior State University**

Committees Assignments:
- **Transportation and Infrastructure**
- **Small Business**

Representative Pete Stauber (R-MN-8)

Congressman Pete Stauber is a Duluth native, currently serving his first term in Congress as the Representative from Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District. Congressman Stauber believes that Northern Minnesota deserves strong, principled leadership in Washington, D.C. and is focused on creating jobs, protecting the interests of taxpayers, and strengthening national security.

Congressman Stauber has a remarkable record of public service. Prior to his time in Congress, Stauber worked as a St. Louis County Commissioner, City Councilor in Hermantown, and Duluth police officer for over two decades.

During his tenure as a police officer, Stauber was the victim of two violent gun crimes. In 1995, he was shot in the head while off-duty by a criminal with multiple past offenses. A few years later, a suspect pulled the trigger at point blank range, and by the grace of God, the gun malfunctioned. His experience as a police officer solidified his view that more must be done to create safer communities as well as protect law abiding gun owners.

Congressman Stauber graduated from Denfeld High School and received a scholarship to play hockey at Lake Superior State University. During his sophomore year, Stauber became team captain and led the Lakers to a Division 1 National Championship. Following college graduation, he went on to play hockey with the Detroit Red Wings Organization.

Congressman Stauber lives in Hermantown with his wife Jodi, an Iraq War veteran and the first female Command Chief of the 148th Fighter Wing. Together, they are the proud parents of four children: Levi, Luke, Isaac, and Addilynn.

Notes:

Biographical information derived from the Congressional website of the legislator referenced above.