Tom Cole became the Representative for Oklahoma's Fourth Congressional District in January 2003. Since that time he has been an advocate for a strong national defense, a defender of the interests of small business and taxpayers, a proponent of education at all levels and a leader on issues dealing with Native Americans and tribal governments.

Congressman Cole is a member on the House Armed Services Committee, the Natural Resources Committee, and serves as a Deputy Whip in the U.S. House. Cole also serves as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, making him a member of House Republican Leadership.

Tom Cole is a fifth generation Oklahoman and an enrolled member of the Chickasaw Nation. Before serving in the U.S. Congress, he served Oklahoma as a State Senator and Secretary of State. He and his wife, Ellen, have one son and reside in Moore, Oklahoma.