
Get to Know Congressman Mike Quigley

In April 2009, Mike Quigley was elected to represent Illinois' 5th district in the U.S. Congress. For Quigley, it was an opportunity to take his unique style of reform-minded politics and integrity from Cook County to Washington D.C. Prior to his election to Congress, Quigley served for over ten years as a Cook County Commissioner, where he championed issues important to County taxpayers. His tireless efforts to promote transparency and fiscal accountability earned him a reputation as an honest and effective leader and someone constituents could count on to do what's right.

In just six months in Washington, Quigley has continued to be driven by the same values and principles that Chicagoans have known for years. In addition to his work to **reform health care** and provide **outstanding constituent service** in the district, Quigley is also emerging as a national advocate on several key issues:

EQUALITY FOR ALL AMERICANS

Mike believes it is our moral obligation to ensure justice for all, and to not allow race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation to divide us.

- First act in Congress was to co-sponsor the **Hate Crimes Bill** to expand federal protection for victims
- Supported legislation and spoke out for repeal of the military's "**Don't Ask, Don't Tell**" policy
- Co-sponsored the **Respect for Marriage Act**, to recognize and provide benefits for all marriages
- Has been a leader in the fight for **comprehensive immigration reform**

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, CREATING GREEN JOBS

Mike believes that innovative environmental and energy policy is necessary to protect our earth and our health, as well as be a cornerstone for economic growth and job creation.

- Has been called the "...the **greenest elected official in Chicago**" by the *Chicago Reader*
- Voted for the popular "**Cash for Clunkers**" program to encourage Americans to purchase more environmentally friendly and fuel efficient cars
- Voted for the **American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACES)** to combat climate change and create jobs, as well as a bill to increase fuel economy standards.
- Still rides his bike to meetings in DC and participates in local clean-ups when home in Chicago

A MUCH-NEEDED DOSE OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Reforming, streamlining, and reinventing government is central to Mike's efforts. He believes that "sunshine is the best disinfectant," and fights to ensure that tax dollars are spent responsibly.

- Introduced the **State Ethics Law Protection Act**, which would prevent the federal government from interfering in states' pay-to-pay restrictions.
- Introduced a bill to **prohibit any Congressional earmarks to for-profit organizations**
- Co-sponsored the **Credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act**, to establish fair and transparent laws concerning the extension of credit.

COMMITTEES

- Mike sits on the House **Judiciary** and **Oversight and Government Reform** Committees

Quigley completed his undergraduate work at Roosevelt University, earned a master's in public policy from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Loyola University, all in Chicago. He's had Chicago Blackhawks season tickets for years and still plays recreational hockey both in Chicago and Washington. He lives with his wife and two daughters in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago—within walking distance of Wrigley Field.

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