## Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Healthy Families Resource Fair



# Hosted by Congressman Joe Sestak

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Upper Darby High School 601 North Lansdowne Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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## **Save the Date**

## 7th Congressional District Jobs Fair

September 1, 2010 1 PM to 5 PM

McCall Meeting and Conference Center 201 N. Lynn Blvd. Upper Darby, PA 19082

## From Congressman Joe Sestak

Dear Friends,

I am proud of the response this event has received. Over 80 exhibitors have gathered today to assist members of our district in addressing their health care concerns. I will continue to help connect my constituents with the services that are available to them, and hope that you find this to be an informative and useful event.

I ran for Congress to improve our health care system after my then 4-year-old daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since assuming office, I have worked to provide all Americans with access to the same life-saving medical care my daughter received because of my U.S. military health insurance.

The passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) has already begun to bring significant improvements to the health insurance market for Pennsylvania's working families and seniors. This law ensures health care access for more than 94 percent of Americans including families, seniors who may have entered the "donut hole", early retirees, young adults, recent graduates, and those with pre-existing conditions. It begins to rein in the excessive costs of health care, making it more affordable for individuals, families, and those who already have coverage. This law also reduces the Federal deficit by \$143 billion over the next 10 years and by as much as \$1.2 trillion over the successive decade.

The health care reform law will also bring important relief to small businesses across Pennsylvania. It offers tax credits to assist small businesses in providing health care for their employees. Beginning in 2014, these credits will cover up to half of a small business's contributions towards premiums. This year, more than 90% of small businesses in Pennsylvania will be eligible for these tax credits. Additionally, starting in 2014, small businesses will be able to purchase insurance for their employees through a simplified health coverage marketplace. This state-based exchange will allow Pennsylvania's small businesses to pool their employees together, giving small businesses more leverage in negotiating coverage and decreasing administrative costs.

PPACA will also significantly benefit seniors by lowering prescription drug costs, extending the fiscal solvency of Medicare, and providing preventive screenings for seniors with no co-pays or deductibles.

The goal of this event is to inform our community about changes that are already and soon will be, occurring from the passage of health care reform and provide an opportunity for questions and concerns to be addressed directly by dozens of local providers and health benefit experts. By bringing together local, state and federal agencies, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and individuals, members of our District will be better equipped to face their health care situations ahead.

In closing, let me thank attendees, exhibiting organizations, and Upper Darby High School for participating in this fair, and for your continued commitment to our District and this great Nation. It is my honor to serve as your Representative.

Warmly,

Joe Sestak

Member of Congress

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## Timeline for Reform: Selected Provisions of the Health Care Reform Law

#### BENEFITS THAT START IMMEDIATELY:

#### For Small Businesses

• Creates small businesses tax credits to make employee coverage more affordable. Tax credits of up to 35 percent of premiums will be immediately available.

#### For Seniors

- **Begins to close the Medicare Part D donut hole** In 2010, provides a \$250 rebate to seniors who hit the donut hole, where seniors are required to pay the full cost of their drugs.
  - In 2011, provides a 50% discount on brand-name drugs in the donut hole.
- Provides Free Checkups and Preventive Screenings in Medicare. Starts January 2011.

#### For the Currently Privately Insured

- Prohibits discrimination against children with pre-existing conditions. Starts in September 2010.
- **Prohibits insurers from dropping coverage** when you get sick due to a previous administrative error. Starts in September 2010.
- **Prohibits** health plans from placing **lifetime caps or unreasonable annual caps** on coverage. Starts in September 2010.
- Eliminates co-payments for preventive services. Starts in September 2010.
- Ensures consumers in new plans have access to an internal and **independent external appeals process** to appeal decisions. Starts in September 2010.
- Insurers must put more of your premiums into your care, and less into profits and administration. Requires plans in the individual and small group market to spend 80 percent of premiums on medical services, and plans in the large group market to spend 85 percent. Plans that don't meet these standards must rebate the difference to policyholders. Starts in January 2011.

#### For the Uninsured

- **Provides immediate help to the uninsured with pre-existing conditions** by establishing interim high-risk pools, starting in June 2010.
- Extends coverage for young people up to 26th birthday through their parents' insurance. Starts in September 2010.

## Timeline for Reform: Selected Provisions of the Health Care Reform Law

#### **FUTURE BENEFITS:**

#### Starting in 2011

- **Recruits more primary care doctors.** Increases reimbursement for family doctors and other primary care providers in Medicare and encourages more doctors to pursue primary care by redistributing unused training slots to primary care training.
- Improves information on health coverage costs. Requires employers to disclose the value of the benefit provided by the employer for each employee's health insurance coverage on the employee's annual Form W-2.
- Invests in improving health care quality and efficiency. Establishes a new Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation to test innovative payment and service delivery models to reduce health care costs and enhance the quality of care provided to individuals.

#### **Starting in 2012**

• Encourages innovative health systems in Medicare. Encourage physicians to join together to form "accountable care organizations" to gain efficiencies and improve quality. Implements new financial incentives to encourage hospitals to reduce preventable readmissions.

#### Starting in 2013

Simplifies Health Care Paper Work. Establishes simplified, uniform standards and business rules to allow electronic exchange of health information, reducing paperwork and administrative costs.

#### Starting in 2014

- Establishes a new health insurance exchange. This new marketplace enables people to shop for comparable health insurance plans and allows small businesses and individuals to pool together to get the best price for their coverage. Additionally, the new exchange serve to
- **Provides health care tax credits** to ensure people can obtain affordable coverage. Credits are available for people with incomes below 400 percent of the federal poverty line who are offered other acceptable coverage to cover premiums, co-payments and deductibles.
- Expands small business tax credits up to half of employers contributions to health insurance costs.

## Timeline for Reform: Selected Provisions of the Health Care Reform Law

#### Starting in 2014 continued

- Prohibits insurance companies from discriminating against individuals based on preexisting conditions or gender and limits the ability to discriminate based on age.
- Eliminates annual limits on the amount of coverage an individual may receive.
- **Ensures coverage for individuals participating in clinical trials** by prohibiting plans from dropping coverage because of participation in a clinical trial.
- **Promotes individual responsibility** by requiring individuals to obtain acceptable health insurance coverage or pay a penalty. If affordable coverage is not available to an individual, they will not be penalized.
- Mandates larger employers to offer affordable coverage. Requires employers with more than 50 employees to offer coverage to their employees or pay a penalty if any of their employees cannot access affordable health insurance.

#### **AARP Driver Safety Program**

1503 Society Place Newtown, PA 18940 215-579-7777 http://www.aarp.org

#### Addus Healthcare

423 McFarlan Road #3 Kennett Square, PA 19348 610-444-5488 http://addus.com

#### Aflac

700 Turner Industrial Way, Suite 150 Aston, PA 19014 610-357-0202 http://www.aflac.com

#### Alliance for Retired Americans

319 Market Street, 3rd Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101 717-231-2866 http://pennretiredamericans.org

#### **American Cancer Society**

1615 West Chester Pike, Suite 102 West Chester, PA 19382 610-692-9831 http://www.cancer.org/

#### **Anthem Institute**

400 South State Road Springfield, PA 19064 1-877-600-8860 http://www.antheminstitute.edu

#### Any Lab Test Now

131 South State Road Springfield, PA 19064 610-543-2211

#### Arc of Delaware County

740 South Chester Road Suite G Swarthmore, PA 19081 610-544-6600

#### Bayada Nurses

354 West Lancaster Avenue Haverford, PA 19041 610-658-7150 http://www.bayada.com

#### **Breast Cancer Coalition**

Statewide Headquarters Trout Run Business Center 344 North Reading Road Ephrata, PA 17522 717-721-2580 http://www.pabreastcancer.org/default.html

#### Brooke Glen Behavioral Hospital

7170 Lafayette Avenue Fort Washington, PA 19034 215-641-5300 http://www.brookeglenpsychiatric.com

#### Broomall Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

50 North Malin Road Broomall, PA 19008 (610) 356-0800 http://broomallrnc.com/

#### ChesPenn Health Services

3 Locations: Coatesville 744 East Lincoln Highway Suite 110 Coatesville, PA 19320 610-380-4660

Upper Darby 5 South State Road Upper Darby, PA 19082 610-352-6585

Chester 2600 West 9th Street Chester, PA 19013 610-859-2059, 610-872-6131

#### Chester County Department of Aging

601 Westtown Road, Suite 130 West Chester, PA 19380 610-355-6350 http://dsf.chesco.org/aging/site/default.asp

#### Chi Institute - Broomall

1991 Sproul Road Suite 42 Broomall, PA 19008 610- 353-7630

#### **Child Guidance Resource Centers**

2000 Old West Chester Pike Havertown, PA 19083 484-454-8700 http://www.cgrc.org/

#### Children's Brain Tumor Foundation

274 Madison Avenue Suite 1004 New York, NY 10016 1-866-228-4673 http://www.cbtf.org/

#### Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-590-1000 http://www.chop.edu

#### Comfort Keepers

920 W. Sproul Road Springfield, PA 19064 610-543-6300

http://www.comfortkeepers.com

#### Community Action Agency of Delaware County

Toal Building, 2nd and Orange Streets Media, PA 19063 610-891-5101 http://www.caadc.org/

#### **Community Transit of Delaware County**

206 Eddystone Avenue - Suite 200 Eddystone, PA 19022-1594 215-580-7145 http://www.ctdelco.org/contactus.htm

#### Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Delaware Valley (CCCSDV)

1608 Walnut Street, 10th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-563-5665 http://cccsdv.org/

#### **Crozer Chester Medical Center**

One Medical Center Boulevard Upland, PA 19013 610-447-2000 http://www.crozer.org/CKHS/

#### Crozer Keystone Health System - Community Health **Education Department**

1 Medical Center Boulevard Chester, PA 19013 http://www.crozer.org/CKHS

#### Crozer Keystone Health System Senior Health Services

196 West Sproul Road Springfield, PA 19064 1-800-254-7469 http://www.crozer.org/CKHS

#### Crozer Keystone Healthplex Sports Club

194 West Sproul Road Springfield, PA 19064 610-328-8888 http://www.crozer.org/CKHS/

#### **Delaware County Medical Society**

600 North Jackson Street, Suite 202 Media, PA 19063 610-892-7750 http://delcomedsoc.org

#### **Delaware County Memorial Hospital**

501 North Lansdowne Avenue Drexel Hill, PA 19026 610-284-8100 http://www.crozer.org/CKHS

#### Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging

206 Eddystone Avenue Eddystone, PA 19022 610-490-1300 http://www.delcosa.org/

#### Delaware County Suicide Prevention & Awareness Task

Force

P.O. Box 175 4 State Road Media, PA 19063 http://www.delcosuicideprevention.org/

#### Devon Manor

235 Lancaster Avenue Devon, PA 19333 610-688-8080 http://www.hcr-manorcare.com

#### Devry University and Keller School of Management

150 Allendale Road, Suite 3250 King of Prussia, PA 19406 610-205-3130 http://www.devry.edu/

#### **Domestic Abuse Project**

14 West Second Street Media, PA 19063 610-565-6272 http://www.dapdc.org/

#### Freedom Valley Disability Center

3607 Chapel Road Newtown Square, PA 19073 610-353-6640 http://www.fvdc.info

#### Heaven Bound

1737 Galy Street Boothwyn, PA 19061 610-256-0611

#### Heckert Bikin & Pile LLP Senior Law Attorneys

292 Main Street, Box #298 Harleysville, PA 19438 610-970-2273

#### Holcomb Behavior Health System

126 East Baltimore Pike Media, PA 19063 484-444-0412 http://www.holcombprevention.org

#### I-LEAD

2600 W. 9th Street Chester, PA 19013 877-427-7047 http://i-leadusa.org

#### **Insphere Insurance Solutions**

300 Berwyn Park #203 Berwyn, PA 19312 800-545-7283 http://www.insphereis-philadelphia.com

#### Jevs Support for Independence

Monroe Office Center, Suite 100 One Winding Way Philadelphia, PA 19131 267-298-1364 http://www.jevshumanservices.org

#### **Keystone Stars**

Southeast Regional Key

260 South Broad Street, Suite 1800 Philadelphia, PA 19102 267-773-4400 http://www.pakeys.org/pages/get.aspx? page=Programs\_STARS

## Kids Smiles Non-Profit Dental Health Centers for Children

2821 Island Avenue, Suite 210 Mercy Wellness Center Philadelphia, PA 19153 215-492-9291 http://www.kidssmiles.org/

#### Lansdowne YMCA

2100 Garrett Road Lansdowne, PA 19050 610-259-1661 http://www.ymca.net

#### Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania

Delaware County Division 410 Welsh Street Chester, PA 19013 610-490-6915 www.lasp.org

#### Liberty Resources

714 Market Street, Suite 100 Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-634-2000 http://www.libertyresources.org

#### Life at Home Genesis Healthcare

701 Chester Pike Sharon Hill, PA 19079 888-843-0443 http://www.genesishcc.com

#### Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern PA

P.O. Box 181 Pocopson, PA 19366 610-388-7333 http://www.lymepa.org

#### Main Line Health-Riddle Hospital

1068 West Baltimore Pike Media, PA 19063 610-566-9400 http://mainlinehealth.org

#### Main Line Health Behavioral Health

1-888-CARE-898 (1-888-227-3898) http://www.mainlinehealth.org/behavioral

#### Manna

The Steven Korman Nutrition Center 2323 Ranstead Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-496-2662 http://www.mannapa.org/

#### Med-Equip, Inc.

Post Office Box 142 Ridley Park, PA 19078 1-800-686-1244 http://www.medequipinc.com/

#### Medical Weight Management

2602 West 9th Street, Suite 103 Chester, PA 19013 610-494-4440 http://doctorhannum.com

#### **Mirmont Treatment Center**

100 Yearsley Mill Road Lima, PA19063 610-744-1400 http://www.mainlinehealth.org/mirmont

#### My Kids B Fit

1570 Raymond Circle Swarthmore, PA 19081 610-742-8297 http://mykidsbfit.com

#### NAMI

Norristown: 610-278-4916 http://www.montconami.com Lansdowne: 610-623-0071

http:www.nami.org/sites/NAMIPA-DelawareCounty Chap-

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#### National Union of Hospital and Healthcare Employees

AFSCME, AFL-CIO 1319 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-735-9878

http://www.nuhhce.org/

#### Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children

1600 Rockland Road Wilmington, DE 19803 302-651-4000 www.nemours.org

#### Office of State Representative Nick Micarelli

605 East Chester Pike Ridley Park, PA 19078 610 534-1002 http://repmiccarelli.net/

#### PA CareerLink Delaware County

701 Crosby St., Suite B Chester, PA 19013 610-447-3350 https://www.cwds.state.pa.us

### PA Department of Health-Delaware County State Health Center

Suite 1 151 West Fifth Street Chester, PA 19013-4415 610-447-3250 www.health.state.pa.us

#### PA Families Inc.

431 Dever Hollow Road Templeton, PA 16259 1-800-947-4941 http://www.pafamiliesinc.com

#### PathWays PA

310 Amosland Road Holmes, PA 19043 610-543-5022 http://www.pathwayspa.org/

#### **PECO**

Customer Service Center 2301 Market Street P.O. Box 8699 Philadelphia, PA 19101 1-800-494-4000 http://www.peco.com/

#### Pennsylvania Insurance Department

Philadelphia Regional Office 801 Market Street, Room 6062 Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-560-2630

#### Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

Bureau of Consumer Protection
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
16th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120
1-800-441-2555
http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/

#### Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

Healthcare Section
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General
16th Floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg, PA 17120
1-877-888-4877
http://www.attorneygeneral.gov

#### Pennsylvania SMP, Medicare Fraud Prevention-CARIE

100 South Broad Street, Suite 1500 Philadelphia, PA 19110 800-356-3606 http://www.carie.org

#### Philadelphia Unemployment Project

112 North Broad Street, 11th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1510 215-557-0822 http://www.philaup.org/

### Philadelphia VA Regional Office & Insurance Center (VAROIC)

500 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144-4867 http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/

#### Planned Parenthood

Locust Street Surgical Center 1144 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-351-5560

Media Health Center 216 W State Street Media, PA 19063 610-566-2830 www.plannedparenthood.org

#### **Primary Homecare**

8080 Old York Road Elkins Park, PA 19027-1426 (215) 635-3151

#### Ride Away

2460 General Armistead Avenue Norristown, PA 19403 610-631-2896 http://www.ride-awaypa.com/index.php

#### Senior Resource Guide

800-955-8510 www.seniordirectory.com

#### Social Security Administration

807 Crosby Street Chester, PA 19013 1-800 772-1213 http://www.ssa.gov

#### Take Shape for Life

235 Haller Road Ridley Park, PA 19018 610-637-7752 http://www.kymcombs.tsfl.com

#### The Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger

1725 Fairmount Ave. Unit 102 Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-769-0659 http://www.hungercoalition.org/

## The PACE Program of Pennsylvania Department of Aging

Bureau of Pharmaceutical Assistance
PACE Program
555 Walnut Street, 6th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
717-787-7313
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/
pace\_\_\_pacenet/17944

#### Victoria's Home Care

630 Fairview Road, Suite 201 Swarthmore, PA 19081 610-544-3037 http://www.victoriashomecare.com

#### WIC Program Crozer Chester Medical Center

Pennsylvania Department of Health Division of WIC 2150 Herr Street ,First Floor, Suite B Harrisburg, PA 17103-1625 717-783-1289 http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

#### WomenCare Mentoring

220 North Jackson Street, Second Floor Media, PA 19063 610-565-6171 http://www.thecenterfoundation.org/womencare.html

#### Women's Way

123 South Broad Street, Suite 1399 Philadelphia, PA 19109 215-985-3322 www.womensway.org

## **Additional Resources**

**Adult Day Services:** (610) 352-9945

Alliance for Retired Americans: (202) 637-5399; http://www.retiredamericans.org/

Alzheimer's Association: (800) 272-3900; www.alz.org/

Amnion Crisis Pregnancy Center: (610) 525-1557; http://www.amnion.org/

Benefits Data Trust: (215) 207-9100; http://www.bdtrust.org/

Bernardine Center: (610) 497-3225; http://www.bernardinecenter.org/bc/

Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania: (866) 635-7097; http://www.biapa.org

CareerLink of Chester County: (610) 384-9393; http://www.cceconomicdevelopment.com/service\_careerlink.html CareerLink of Delaware County: (610) 447-3350 or (610) 723-6000; http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/depts/oet.html

CareerLink of Montgomery County: (610) 270-3429; http://montcoworks.montcopa.org

Catholic Social Services: (610) 626-6550 or (610) 876-7101; http://www.familyservices-phl.org/delawarecountry.html

Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE): (800) 356-3606; www.carie.org/

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: (800) 633-4227; http://www.cms.hhs.gov/

Chester County Department of Community Development: (610) 344-6900; http://dsf.chesco.org

Chester County Fund for Women and Girls: (484) 356-0940; www.ccwomenandgirls.org/

Chester Eastside Ministries: (610) 872-4812; http://www.chestereastside.org/

Community Impact Legal Services: (610) 380-7111; http://www.palegalservices.org/finder/south\_east\_pa.htm

Delaware County Department of Veterans Affairs: (610) 891-4646; http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/depts/veterans.html

Department of Health and Human Services: 1-977-696-6775 www.hhs.gov

Department of Labor: 1-866-487-2365 www.dol.gov

Department of Public Welfare: (800) 692-7462; www.dpw.state.pa.us/

Disability Rights Network of Pennsylvania: (215) 238-8070; www.drnpa.org/

Education Law Center: (215) 238-6970; www.elc-pa.org/

Family and Community Service of Delaware County: (610)566-7540; http://www.fcsdc.org/

Family Services of Montgomery County: (610) 630-2111; http://www.fsmontco.org/

Family Support Line of Delaware County Inc: (610) 891-5275; Family Support Line of Delaware County Inc.

Garrett-Williamson Foundation: (610) 353-7690 x 20 http://www.garrettwilliamsonfoundation.org/

Goodwill Industries of Delaware and Delaware County: (302) 761-4640; http://www.goodwillde.org/index.asp

Great Guy Group: http://greatguys.org/

Helping Hands: (617) 787-4419; http://www.monkeyhelpers.org/

Home Helpers: (484) 461-8887

Irish Immigration Center of Philadelphia: (610)789-6355 http://www.icphila.org/

Internal Revenue Service: 1-800-829-4933 www.irs.gov

Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia: 1-866-532-7669; http://www.jfcsphil.org/

Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania of Delco: (610) 237-4210; http://www.mhasp.org/

Mid County Senior Services: 1-866-CALL-MLH; http://www.mainlinehealth.org/default.asp

National Veterans Technology Consortium, LLC: (718) 431-0585

Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services: (717) 787-4592; http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/

Pennsylvania Assistive Technology Foundation 484-674-0506 http://www.patf.us/

## **Additional Resources**

Pennsylvania Health Law Project: 1-800-274-3258; http://www.phlp.org/

Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth: (215) 563-5848; http://www.pccy.org/index.php

Presbyterian Children's Village: (610) 525-5400; http://www.pcv.org/index.html

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program: (202) 606-5000; http://www.seniorcorps.gov/about/programs/rsvp.asp

Select Senior Service Providers: (610) 551-7801; http://selectseniorserviceproviders.com/

Special Olympics: (610) 630-9450, www.specialolympicspa.org

The Annie E. Casey Foundation: (410) 547-6600; http://www.aecf.org/

The Arc of Delaware County (DelArc): (610) 544 - 6600; http://www.thearcofdelco.org/index.html

The Food Trust; (215) 575-0444: http://www.thefoodtrust.org/

The Nursing Group: (610) 872-1538

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania: (215) 665-2500; http://www.uwsepa.org/

USAtogether, Inc: (650) 227-3800; https://app01.usatogether.org/index.php

Villanova Law Clinic: (610) 519-7000; http://www.law.villanova.edu/

## **Upcoming Events**

## Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Jobs Fair

Wednesday, September 1, 2010
1:00PM to 5:00PM
(Exhibitor registration begins at 11:30AM; Guest sign-in begins at 12:30PM)
McCall Meeting and Conference Center
204 North Lynn Boulevard, Upper Darby, PA 19082

This event will include a service fair that connects community members in search of employment with employers, educators, and non-profit organizations who will be able to provide information on job training, resume building, and other resources.

Contact Wally Hays at walter.hays@mail.house.gov or (610) 892-8623 with questions.

To pre-register, visit http://www.sestak.house.gov/events

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1022 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: 202-225-2011 Fax: 202-226-0280 http://www.sestak.house.gov

## **About Congressman Joe Sestak**



Joe Sestak is a former 3-Star Admiral who successfully ran for Congress in 2006 after completing his 31-year military service to our country. He is the senior military veteran in history to be elected and serve in the U.S. Congress. Joe led a series of operational commands, culminating in command of the USS George Washington carrier battle group (30 ships/100 aircraft/15,000 Sailors) that conducted combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Joe served as President Clinton's Director of Defense Policy at the White House and after 9/11, the Navy selected Joe to become the first Director of the Navy's anti-terrorism unit. The son of a first-generation Navy Captain, Joe followed in the footsteps of his father and attended the U.S. Naval Academy where he graduated 2nd in his Class. He later earned a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. After his 31-year distinguished military career, Joe returned home to Delaware County, Pennsylvania with his family, where his parents and siblings also live.

Joe ran for Congressional office on the platform that national security begins at home with the economic, health, education, and environment/energy security of our citizens; these four security pillars, along with defense security, provide for our country's overall national security. In Congress, he is a member of the Committee on Education and Labor, where he impacts our need for a skilled, educated workforce; Vice-Chair of the Small Business Committee, addressing the severe economic conditions that face businesses and their employees; the Armed Services Committee, where he continues to enhance our Nation's defense security; and the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pension, where he is working for our Nation's health security.

Joe believes in a 21st Century Agenda for Opportunity that restores the American Dream by ensuring economic, health, defense, environment/energy and education security so that families can get to work restoring their opportunity for a stronger future. It involves securing the middle class by closing income inequalities; creating an economy where entrepreneurship is the norm not the exception; a healthcare system that is not only affordable and accessible, but one that spurs innovation rather than inefficiency; a national security strategy that makes all of our other goals possible; an energy plan that creates jobs and new industries; and an education plan that ensures a young person can expect a more prosperous life than the generation before.