

Day on The Hill



Senator John Hickenlooper

U.S. Senator for Colorado

Senator Hickenlooper was elected to represent Colorado in the U.S. Senate in 2020, and previously served as Mayor of Denver (2003-2011) and Governor of Colorado (2011-2019). He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; the Committee on Science, Commerce, and Transportation; and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He also serves as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Technology, and Data Privacy and the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety.



Senator Michael Bennet

U.S. Senator for Colorado

Senator Bennet has represented Colorado in the United States Senate since 2009. He has built a reputation of taking on Washington dysfunction and working with Republicans and Democrats to address our nation's greatest challenges – including education, climate change, immigration, health care, and national security. He currently serves on the Senate Committee on Finance; the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; and the Select Committee on Intelligence which oversees the intelligence activities and programs of the U.S. government. He also serves as a ranking member on the subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure, and Forestry and Natural Resources, and as a member of the subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight Conservation, Jobs, Rural Economic Growth, and Energy Innovation, and Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agriculture.



Rep. Jeff Crank

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Elected in 2024, Congressman Jeff Crank proudly represents Colorado's Fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Based in Colorado Springs, Colorado's Fifth District is one of our nation's most military-intensive congressional districts and the home to more than 100,000 veterans who have served our country with distinction and honor. He serves on the House Armed Services Committee and Natural Resources Committee, with subcommittee service including Strategic Forces, Military Personnel, and Cyber Informational Technologies, & Innovation as well as Energy and Mineral Resources and Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.



Rep. Brittany Pettersen

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Representative Pettersen was elected to serve Colorado's Seventh Congressional District in 2022 as the first woman to represent the Seventh District, which comprises Jefferson, Broomfield, Lake, Park, Teller, Chaffee, Fremont, and Custer counties. She is a member of the House Financial Services Committee, where she serves on the Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Artificial Intelligence and the Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance.



Rep. Joe Neguse

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Congressman Joe Neguse represents Colorado's 2nd District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2018, becoming the first Black member of Congress in Colorado history. In December 2022, Rep. Neguse was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chair of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC), becoming the first Coloradan to serve in a senior elected leadership role in the House in over 85 years. He serves on the Natural Resources and Judiciary Committees and was also appointed by House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries to serve as one of four Democrats on the prestigious House Committee on Rules. Rep. Neguse serves as Ranking Member on the House Subcommittee on Federal Lands.



Rep. Gabe Evans

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Representative Gabe Evans was elected in 2024 to represent Colorado's 8th Congressional District, the state's newest district, which includes portions of Adams, Weld, and Larimer counties. A Colorado native, Evans is a former police officer and U.S. Army officer who served overseas before entering public service at home. He previously served in the Colorado House of Representatives, where he worked on public safety, veterans' issues, and economic growth. In Congress, Representative Evans serves on the House Committee on Homeland Security, where he works on issues related to border security, counterterrorism, and emergency response, and on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, where he advocates for responsible energy development and policies that strengthen American energy independence and lower costs for families.



Rep. Jeff Hurd

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Representative Jeff Hurd was elected in 2024 and began serving Colorado's 3rd Congressional District in January 2025. Raised in Grand Junction, he earned a B.A. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, a J.D. from the University of Denver, and an LL.M. from Columbia University. After clerking for Judge Timothy Tymkovich on the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, he practiced law at a New York firm before returning to Grand Junction to lead a local firm. He serves on the House National Resources Committee where he holds the position of Chairman of the Indian and Insular Affairs Subcommittee as well as the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Science, Space, and Technology Committee.



Rep. Jason Crow

U.S. Representative for Colorado

Representative Jason Crow has represented Colorado's 6th Congressional District since January 2019. A former U.S. Army Ranger, he served in Iraq and Afghanistan, earning a Bronze Star for his service. After completing his military service, Crow earned a J.D. from the University of Denver and worked as an attorney, focusing on veterans' advocacy and public service. In Congress, Representative Crow serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Armed Services Committee, where he is the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations.



Rep. Lauren Boebert

U.S. Representative for Colorado

U.S. Congresswoman Lauren Boebert is serving her third term as a member of Congress and her first as Representative for Colorado's Fourth Congressional District. She serves on the Natural Resources and Oversight Committees, is the Vice Chair of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, is co-chair of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus, and is a member of the House Freedom Caucus. Rep. Boebert is also a member of the Congressional Western Caucus where she focuses on issues that impact rural Colorado like energy, agriculture, multiple-use on public lands and water.



Rep. Mike Turner

U.S. Representative for Ohio

Representative Mike Turner has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2003, representing Ohio's 10th District, which includes Dayton and surrounding communities in Southwest Ohio. He previously served as Mayor of Dayton from 1994 to 2002, where he focused on neighborhood revitalization, improving public safety, and balancing the city's budget. Before entering public office, he practiced law and later established his own firm. In Congress, Representative Turner holds positions on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and Committee on Armed Services. He also has served on the House Intelligence Committee, including as its chair. Turner is recognized for his longstanding work on national security, defense policy, and military readiness.

Public Policy Track



Curtis Dubay

Chief Economist—U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Curtis Dubay, chief economist in the Economic Policy Division at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, tracks the condition of the economy, analyzes the impact of public policy on economic growth, and runs the Chamber's Chief Economists Committee. The committee consists of chief economists from member businesses. It helps the Chamber formulate economic policies and provides analysis to policymakers in Washington, D.C. Dubay has researched and published frequently on a wide range of tax and economic issues. He is regularly quoted by the press and has appeared often in the media, including on CNBC, Fox Business, Fox News, and C-SPAN. He has testified before Congress several times and been cited in newspapers such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and *Politico*.



Alan McQuinn

Chief Economist—U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Alan McQuinn a researcher and analyst who specializes in science, technology, and manufacturing policy. His policy areas include information security, privacy, artificial intelligence and data science, microelectronics, telecommunications, surface transportation, technical standards, tech transfer, manufacturing, and the policy implications of emerging technologies. He helped draft and negotiate the National AI Initiative Act of 2020, the NIST for the Future Act, and the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022.



Emily Hamilton

Senior Research Fellow—Mercatus Center

Emily Hamilton is a Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Urbanity Project at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University. Her research focuses on urban economics and land-use policy. She publishes both academic research and policy work. Her writing has appeared in outlets including the Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times, and she writes an occasional column at Governing. Hamilton has testified before several state legislatures as well as the U.S. House of Representatives. Hamilton serves on the Advisory Boards of Up for Growth and Cityscape, a journal published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She received her PhD in economics from George Mason University and is an alum of the Mercatus MA Fellowship.



Dr. Mary Chasko

Chief Medical Information Officer—Kaiser Permanente, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

Dr. Mary Chasko is chief medical information officer for the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group. In this pivotal role, she leads the Technology and Telehealth Integration team, a dedicated group of software developers and physician informaticists focused on designing innovative healthcare solutions. Before assuming her current leadership position, Dr. Chasko was the Technology Integration Physician for Anesthesia and Surgical Workflows. She practices anesthesiology at Holy Cross Hospital, Suburban Hospital, and at the Gaithersburg, Kensington, and Largo medical centers. Dr. Chasko is board-certified in anesthesiology, pain medicine, and clinical informatics. She completed her undergraduate studies in computer science at Wellesley College, earned her medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine, and completed her residency and fellowship in anesthesiology and pain medicine at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.



Dr. Ada Emarievbe

Obstetrics and Gynecology—Kaiser Permanente, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group

Dr. Ada Emarievbe is an ob/gyn with the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group. She earned her medical degree from Georgetown University and completed her residency at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center, receiving her board certification in obstetrics and gynecology in 2016. She was named Top Doctor by Baltimore Magazine in 2023 and 2024 and was named Physician of the Year by the Daily Record Health Care Heroes in 2022.



Joe Alexander

Chief of Staff—Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy

Joe Alexander serves as the Chief of Staff, in the Grid Deployment Office, providing tactical guidance and supporting strategic direction. Joe comes to DOE with both private and public sector experience. With over a decade of federal government experience, Joe has served on both the legislative branch in a Congressional Office and the executive branch in another agency. A Midwest native where he grew up in a nuclear power plant community, Joe is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was a student athlete in the Big Ten Conference.

Aerospace, Defense, and Cybersecurity Track



Brandon Pugh

Principal Cyber Advisor of the Army

Brandon Pugh is the Principal Cyber Advisor (PCA) for the Department of the Army. In that role, he is responsible for advising the Secretary of the Army and the Army Chief of Staff on all cyber matters, including issues of readiness, budget, capabilities, and strategy. Most recently, he served as the director and a resident senior fellow for the R Street Institute's Cybersecurity and Emerging Threats Team, which focuses on emerging cyber and national security threats, data privacy and security, and artificial intelligence. Mr. Pugh's past roles include serving as a fellow with the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Managing Editor of the Journal of Law and Cyber Warfare; Legislative Counsel for the New Jersey General Assembly Minority Office, handling nearly all policy and legislation on cybersecurity and emerging technology; President and CEO of a Homeland Security Advisory Firm; and member of the Rutgers University Cybersecurity Program Board.



John F. Bentivegna

Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force

Chief Master Sgt. of the Space Force John F. Bentivegna serves at the highest enlisted level of leadership and provides direction for the enlisted force representing their interests to the American public and to those in all levels of government. He acts as the personal advisor to the Chief of Space Operations and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and development of the U.S. Space Force. CMSSF Bentivegna entered the United States Air Force in 1994 and has served in both Maintenance and Space Operations career fields. He has held positions at the squadron, division, group, wing, Numbered Air Force, Field Command and Headquarters Air and Space Force levels and served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief Operations Officer and as the Enlisted Space Systems Operations Career Field Manager, Headquarters Space Force, Arlington, Virginia. CMSSF Bentivegna entered the United States Space Force on Sept. 1, 2020.



Peregrine D. Russell-Hunter

Director— Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, United States Department of Defense

Professor Russell-Hunter is the Director of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals, United States Department of Defense and is the Senior Executive Service official currently responsible for the oversight and leadership of all of DOHA's Administrative Judges, Department Counsel, Claims Division attorneys and paralegals, and administrative staff. He regularly teaches the personnel security clearance process in courses at what was known as the Defense Security Service Academy (now the Center for the Development of Security Excellence). He served on the DoD/DNI Joint Security and Suitability Process Reform Team since its inception in June of 2007. Along with the other charter members of the original Joint Reform Team, he received the Director of National Intelligence's Meritorious Unit Citation in 2009 for leading the transformation of the security clearance process. Professor Russell-Hunter teaches trial advocacy and deposition skills to practicing attorneys as part of the NITA trial and deposition programs. He also teaches the D.C. Bar course on Department of Defense security clearance cases. He is also a former member and past president of the Federal American Inn of Court, where he taught programs on litigation and trial advocacy skills, professionalism, ethics, and civility to practicing attorneys and law students.



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