



**Representative Mike Carey (R-OH)**

Committees: Ways and Means, House Administration

Rep. Mike Carey represents Ohio's 15th Congressional District, encompassing all of Madison County and parts of Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Miami and Shelby Counties.

During his first year in office, Rep. Carey distinguished himself as an effective member and was appointed to serve on the prestigious House Committee on Ways and Means as well as the Committee on House

Administration. Additionally, Rep. Carey serves as Chairman of the House Communications Standards Commission, Deputy Majority Whip and as Co-Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

In the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress, Rep. Carey introduced Roundtable-backed legislation, the *Revitalizing Downtowns and Main Streets Act* ([H.R.9002](#)), which would create a temporary and capped market-based tax incentive to convert older, under-utilized office and other commercial buildings to residential use. Modeled on the historic rehab tax credit, the bill will help revitalize communities, boost local tax revenue, and increase the supply of housing where it is needed most.

(Marion Military Institute (AA); Ohio State University (BA))



**Robert Costa**

Chief Election & Campaign Correspondent  
CBS News

Robert Costa is chief election & campaign correspondent for CBS News, and is an acclaimed political reporter and political analyst, and co-author of *Peril* with Bob Woodward. *Peril* documents the national-security emergency and insurrection during President Trump’s final days in office and provides unmatched insights into the dynamics that shaped the elections in 2022 and 2024.

*Peril* is also the first inside look at President Biden’s first year in office.

For more than a decade, Costa has been at the forefront of American politics and journalism. He was a national political reporter for *The Washington Post* from 2014 until 2021, and was a political analyst for NBC News and MSNBC from 2015-2020, where he long served as a contributor.

Costa is well known for his unusually expansive coverage, with deep sourcing inside the White House, on Capitol Hill, and inside the nation’s national-security community, as well as inside the new grassroots movements on the right and left that have upended both major parties in recent years.

Costa’s work with Woodward on *Peril* was a partnership forged by a shared, vigorous approach to reporting and the pursuit of the truth and can be traced back to their joint coverage of Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign, where they interviewed the future president together and pressed him on how he might govern.

Before writing the book, Costa was the moderator and managing editor of *Washington Week* on PBS from April 2017 through January 2021. The program, one of the longest-running broadcasts on television, has been celebrated for its nonpartisan and smart discussions about the latest reporting and headlines shaping policymakers in Washington. During his tenure, the Associated Press called the show “satisfyingly wonkish and, amid a TV sea of partisan megaphones and questions about journalism’s role, especially important.”

(BA, University of Notre Dame; MS, University of Cambridge)



**Representative French Hill (R-AR)**  
Chair, House Financial Services Committee

Representative French Hill is serving his sixth term representing the second district of Arkansas. Rep. Hill is the new Chair of the influential House Financial Services Committee.

He was previously Vice Chair House Committee on Financial Services and the Chair of the Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology, and Inclusion. He also served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Select Committee on Intelligence.

Rep. Hill has advocated for a number of Roundtable priorities, including GSE reform, reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, and terrorism risk insurance.

Prior to his congressional service, Mr. Hill was actively engaged in the Arkansas business community for two decades as a commercial banker and investment manager. He was also the founder, chairman, and chief executive officer of Delta Trust & Banking Corp.

Before working in community banking, Mr. Hill served as a senior official in the administration of President George H.W. Bush. From 1989 until 1991, Mr. Hill served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Corporate Finance. One of his key assignments was to represent the U.S. as a negotiator in the historic bilateral talks with Japan, known as the Structural Impediments Initiative (SII). After the fall of the Berlin Wall, Mr. Hill led the design of U.S. technical assistance to the emerging economies of eastern and central Europe in banking and securities. In 1991, President Bush appointed Mr. Hill as Executive Secretary to the President's Economic Policy Council (EPC), where he coordinated all White House economic policy. For his leadership and service at the Treasury and the White House, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady awarded Mr. Hill the Distinguished Service Award in January 1993.

(BS Vanderbilt University, 1979, magna cum laude in Economics)



**The Honorable Darin LaHood (R-IL)**

Committees: House Ways and Means; and Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Representative Darin LaHood is currently serving his fifth term representing Illinois' 16th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Following redistricting, the 16th District now spans several counties across central and north-central Illinois, serving as home to over 710,000 constituents.

Rep. LaHood continues to serve on the influential House Ways and Means Committee, which is the oldest committee in the House with jurisdiction over taxation, trade and tariffs, and other revenue-raising measures. Within the committee, he is Chairman of Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, and serves on the Subcommittee on Trade.

Recognized for his expertise in international relations, Rep. LaHood co-chairs the bipartisan U.S.-China Working Group and is a member of the U.S.-Cuba Working Group. His leadership focuses on fostering productive trade relationships and addressing global economic challenges.

Before his election to Congress, Rep. LaHood served four years in the Illinois State Senate, starting in 2011. During this time, he earned a reputation as a fiscal conservative and an advocate for government accountability. From 2001-2006, he worked for the U.S. Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rep. LaHood has also served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Cook County and Tazewell County. From 2006 up until his election to the House of Representatives, he practiced with the Peoria law firm of Miller, Hall & Triggs.

(BA Loras Col., 1990; JD John Marshall Law School, 1997)



**Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)**

Committees: House Ways and Means; Foreign Affairs

Representative Brad Schneider is currently serving his sixth term in the United States House representing Illinois's 10th District. He is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He has previously served on the House Judiciary and Small Business committees.

As a member of Congress, Rep. Schneider is focused on building a thriving economy and ensuring every child has the opportunity for a quality education and a rising standard of living. Rep. Schneider knows that communities are stronger when small businesses invest and grow, our environment is healthy, and people are working together for a better future.

Rep. Schneider is also a member of the New Democrat Coalition and Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus. He is the co-chair of the climate change task force and a member of the national security task force. The national security task force works collaboratively to identify and advance common sense, pragmatic national security and foreign policy solutions that keep the U.S. safe, maintain peace and security throughout the globe, and promote American values and interests.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Brad spent more than 20 years in business and management consulting, helping large and family-owned businesses alike address the challenges of today's economy and plan for the future. His professional experience has allowed him to see first-hand the challenges small businesses face when trying to hire new workers and grow their company, as well as the effect thriving small businesses can have on a community's overall economy.

(BS Northwestern Univ., 1983; MBA Northwestern Univ., 1988)



**John Sitalides**

Principal, Trilogy Advisors LLC

John Sitalides is Principal at Trilogy Advisors LLC in Washington, D.C., specializing in U.S. government relations, geopolitical risk, and international affairs, and is a National Security Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Under a U.S. government contract under Presidents Biden, Trump, Obama, and Bush, Sitalides was Southern Europe Regional Coordinator at the Foreign Service Institute, the State Department's professional development and diplomacy academy for American foreign policy professionals.

He was Board Chairman of the Woodrow Wilson Center Southeast Europe Project (2005-2011), following seven years as Executive Director of the Western Policy Center, an international relations institute specializing in U.S., NATO & EU interests in Europe and the Middle East until he negotiated its 2004 merger with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

He has testified before Congress and is a frequent national security commentator on U.S. and international media such as Bloomberg News, CNN, FOX News, CNN International, and NewsNation, and has been interviewed or cited in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Washington Times, Politico, National Public Radio, Asia Times, Institutional Investor, and other leading print and digital media.

Sitalides serves on the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of Leadership 100, a national Orthodox Christian foundation.

He is a member of the Association of International Risk Intelligence Professionals, the Intelligence and National Security Alliance, the Columbia University Club of Washington, D.C., the Empire State Forum, and the Association of Former Senate Aides.

(BA, Queens College; MS, Columbia University)



**Representative Jason Smith (R-MO)**  
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee

Rep. Jason Smith is currently serving his seventh term representing the 8th district of Missouri, comprised of 30 counties in southeastern and southern Missouri.

Rep. Smith was elected to become the youngest-ever chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policies affecting commercial real estate. He served as the top Republican on the House Budget Committee in the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Rep. Smith was a leading supporter of Roundtable-supported legislation introduced in 2021 to make permanent the 20 percent deduction for qualified pass-through business income (Section 199A). The pass-through deduction was enacted on a temporary basis as part of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) in 2017.

In late 2015, Rep. Smith's colleagues elected him to serve on the Republican Steering Committee—a group of Republican conference leaders charged with selecting the chairman of every U.S. House committee. In 2016, he was unanimously elected by the U.S. House of Representatives Republican Conference to serve as a member of U.S. House leadership.

Prior to being elected to Congress, Smith served five terms in the Missouri House of Representatives.

(BS University of Missouri, 2001; JD Oklahoma City University, 2004)



**The Honorable Tom Suozzi (D-NY)**

Committees: House Ways and Means  
Co-Chair, Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus

Representative Tom Suozzi is currently a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and was recently elected as the Co-Chair for the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus.

Throughout his career, Rep. Suozzi has been known for his bipartisan approach. He has been an advocate for restoring the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, co-chairing the SALT Caucus, and has focused on issues such as environmental conservation and infrastructure improvement.

Rep. Suozzi served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2017-2022 and was a member of the House Committees on Homeland Security, Budget, and Ways and Means Committee, serving on both the Oversight and Tax Policy subcommittees.

Rep. Suozzi previously served as mayor of his hometown, Glen Cove, NY from 1994-2001, and as Nassau County Executive from 2002-2009.

In 2010, Rep. Suozzi returned to the private sector as a senior advisor to investment banking firm Lazard and as of counsel at Harris Beach law firm. Prior to his time in elected office, he worked as a litigator for Shearman & Sterling, law clerk to the Chief Judge of the Eastern District, and an auditor for Arthur Andersen & Co.

(BS, Boston College; JD, Fordham University)