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State: NY • **District:** 20
Service: 2009–2025 (including current term)
Most recent Congress: 119
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Biography

A Representative from New York. Born in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y. , June 18, 1949. Graduated from Amsterdam High School, Amsterdam, N. Y. , 1967. B. S. , Clarkson University, Potsdam, N. Y. , 1971. Public works engineer. State transportation agency employee. Member of the Montgomery County, N. Y. Board of supervisors, 1976-1983. Chairman, Montgomery County, N. Y. Board of supervisors, 1981. Member of the New York state assembly, 1983-2007. President, New York state energy research and development authority, 2007-2008. Elected as a Democrat to the One Hundred Eleventh and to the eight succeeding Congresses (January 3, 2009-present).

Committee Memberships (Congress 119)

- Budget Committee – Standing
- Energy and Commerce Committee – Standing
- Energy Subcommittee – Subcommittee
- Environment Subcommittee – Subcommittee
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee – Subcommittee

Legislative Activity (2009–2025)

Bills sponsored: 193

Bills cosponsored: 4570

Most Recent Sponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 HR 8241	Power for the People Act of 2026	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Updated Apr 9, 2026
119 HR 8209	To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the school-based health centers grant program.	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Updated Apr 6, 2026
119 HRES 1060	Expressing support for the designation of April 5, 2026, as "Barth Syndrome Awareness Day".	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Updated Feb 11, 2026
119 HR 1355	Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 410. Updated Feb 4, 2026
119 HR 6918	Climate Pollution Standard and Community Investment Act of 2025	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means Updated Dec 19, 2025

Most Recent Cosponsored Bills

Bill	Title	Status / Last Action
119 HR 6099	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2200 South Salina Street in Syracuse, New York, as the "Wallie Howard Jr. Post Office Building".	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. Updated Apr 29, 2026
119 HR 8518	To provide for the discharge of parent borrower liability if a student on whose behalf a parent has received certain student loans becomes disabled.	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce. Updated Apr 27, 2026
119 HR 8520	To facilitate nationwide accessibility and coordination of 211 services in order to provide information and referral to all individuals in the United States for health and human services needs, and for other purposes.	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Updated Apr 27, 2026
119 HR 1329	Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Act	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 538. Updated Apr 23, 2026
119 HRES 1212	Expressing support for the staff of public, school, academic, and special libraries in the United States and the essential services those libraries provide to communities, recognizing the need for funding commensurate with the broad scope of social service and community supports provided by libraries, preserving the right of all citizens of the United States to freely access information and resources in their communities, supporting a strong union voice for library workers, and defending the civil rights of library staff.	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Workforce. Updated Apr 23, 2026