

# U.S. Senator Gary Peters

Elected in 2014, Senator Gary Peters is honored to represent the State of Michigan in the U.S. Senate. Throughout his career in public service, Gary has been a strong, independent voice for Michigan's families and small businesses. He has focused on uniting our communities by fighting for the things that we all agree on — a stronger economy, good-paying jobs, affordable health care, a secure retirement and a fair chance for everyone to succeed.

In the U.S. Senate, Gary's top priority is to continue supporting job creation and economic growth to strengthen Michigan small businesses and our middle class. He is committed to working with members of both parties to find commonsense, practical and bipartisan solutions to the challenges facing Michigan and our nation.

Gary was born in Pontiac, Michigan and has lived his entire life in Oakland County. His father was a World War II veteran and public school teacher, and his mother worked at a local nursing home, where she organized her workplace as an SEIU union steward. Peters is a product of Michigan schools, earning a B.A. in Political Science from Alma College. After graduation, while working a full-time job and raising a family, he went on to earn an M.B.A. in Finance from the University of Detroit Mercy, a law degree from Wayne State University Law School and an M.A. in Philosophy from Michigan State University.

For more than 20 years, Gary worked as an investment advisor, helping families save for their retirement and provide for their children's college education. Senator Peters served in uniform as a Seabee combat warfare specialist and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve. After the September 11th terrorist attacks on our country, Peters signed up to again serve in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Gary began his public service as a Rochester Hills City Councilman in 1991 before being elected to the Michigan State Senate and serving as the Michigan State Lottery Commissioner. First elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008, Gary fought to ensure the survival of Michigan's auto industry and worked to hold accountable the bad actors on Wall Street who caused the recession.

In the 114th Congress, Gary serves on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee; the Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee; the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee; and the Joint Economic Committee.

Gary and his wife, Colleen, live in Oakland County and have three children: Gary Jr., Madeleine and Alana.

