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## Get to Know Congressman Mike Quigley

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In April 2009, Mike Quigley was elected to represent Illinois' 5<sup>th</sup> district in the U.S. Congress. For Quigley, it was an opportunity to take his unique style of reform-minded politics and integrity from Cook County to Washington. Prior to his election to Congress, Quigley served for ten years as a Cook County Commissioner, where his tireless efforts to promote transparency and fiscal accountability earned him a reputation as an honest and effective leader and someone constituents could count on to do what's right.

As he enters his second term in Washington, Quigley continues to be driven by the same values and principles that Chicagoans have known for years. In addition to providing **outstanding constituent service** in the district, Quigley is also emerging as a national advocate on several key issues:

### **A MUCH-NEEDED DOSE OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Reforming, streamlining, and reinventing government is central to Mike's efforts. He believes that "sunshine is the best disinfectant," and that a government cannot lead without the public's trust.*

- Called for an **investigation into Countrywide Financial** to determine whether some of Washington's most powerful lawmakers received sweetheart mortgage deals during the height of the housing crisis.
- Introduced the **State Ethics Law Protection Act**, which would prevent the federal government from interfering in Illinois' efforts to fight pay-to-pay.
- Co-founded the **Transparency Caucus** and introduced the **Transparency in Government Act** to bring unprecedented access and accountability to the federal government.

### **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR A MORE SECURE FUTURE**

*Mike is committed to making sure taxpayer dollars are spent honestly and judiciously. At a time when families are cutting back, he believes the federal government must do the same.*

- Voted for the **Pay-Go Act**, forcing Congress to offset every dollar spent with a dollar saved
- Introduced the **Sustainable Budget Act**, calling for an honest and complete federal budget
- Voted against a **Congressional Pay Raise**, returned **\$100,000** from office budget to pay down the debt

### **EQUALITY FOR ALL AMERICANS**

*Mike believes it is our moral obligation to ensure justice for all, and to not allow race, gender, religion, or sexual orientation to divide us.*

- Supported legislation and spoke out for the repeal of the military's "**Don't Ask, Don't Tell**" policy
- Co-sponsored the **Respect for Marriage Act**, to recognize and provide benefits for all marriages
- Has been a leader in the fight for **comprehensive immigration reform** and supports the **Uniting American Families Act** to make sure immigration reform includes everyone

### **PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, CREATING GREEN JOBS**

*Mike believes that innovative environmental and energy policy is necessary to protect our earth and our health, as well as be a cornerstone for economic growth and job creation.*

- Has been called the "...the **greenest elected official in Chicago**" by the *Chicago Reader*
- Introduced the **Protecting Our Oceans Act**, which changes our nation's offshore drilling policy to make protection of our nation's natural resources our primary concern
- Still **rides his bike** to meetings in DC and participates in local clean-ups when home in Chicago

Quigley completed his undergraduate work at Roosevelt University, earned a master's in public policy from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Loyola University, all in Chicago. He's an avid Chicago Blackhawks fan and plays hockey both in Chicago and Washington. He lives with his wife and two daughters in the Lakeview neighborhood of Chicago—within walking distance of Wrigley Field.

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