

Growing up, Marsha Blackburn learned that the promise of our nation depends on each generation of Americans working hard to leave the country a better place than they found it. As a small business woman, mother, grandmother, and Member of Congress, Marsha Blackburn has dedicated her service to the sacred obligation all citizens have to their communities: making Tennessee and America a better, more prosperous, and freer place.

Congressman Blackburn was first elected 1998 as a Tennessee State Senator. Her Senate career was marked by her commitment to fiscal common sense and government accountability. She led a statewide grassroots campaign to defeat a proposed state income tax and earned a reputation as a champion of anti-tax and government reform issues.

Marsha came to Washington to represent Tennessee's 7th Congressional District in 2002 and quickly became a leader in Congress, advocating for a small, efficient federal government that is accountable to its citizens. She has been named a Taxpayer Hero by Americans for Tax Reform each year she has served in Congress.

She has served on the majority and minority whip teams since her election in 2002, and holds a seat on the vital Energy and Commerce Committee which has jurisdiction over health care, energy regulation, and telecommunications issues.

Marsha has earned a special reputation as a bi-partisan leader and policy expert on telecommunications issues and intellectual property rights. Representing both a portion of metropolitan Nashville and the suburbs of Memphis, she has strong ties with one of Tennessee's vital recording industry and the songwriters and performers who make it great.