

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, author, 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. Americans for Tax Reform have named her a Taxpayer Hero each year she has served in Congress.

She has served on the majority and minority whip teams since her election in 2002, and serves as Vice

Chair of the vital Energy and Commerce Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care, energy regulation, and telecommunications issues. Blackburn also holds a seat on the House Budget Committee and is a founding member of the Republican Women's Policy Committee.

Marsha has earned a special reputation as a bi-partisan leader and policy expert on telecommunications issues and intellectual property rights. She has strong ties with Tennessee's recording industry and the songwriters and performers who make it great.