

Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D-CT-5)



Background

Democratic lawyer Elizabeth Esty represents Connecticut's 5th congressional district, taking office in 2012 after winning 51% to 49% against Republican Andrew Roraback and keeping the seat Democratic after Rep. Chris Murphy ran for Senate. Similar to Murphy, Esty pushes to reinvigorate manufacturing in the once factory-dominated district. After graduating high school in Minnesota, Esty attended Harvard University and Yale Law School. Prior to entering public office, Esty worked for the law firm Sidley Austin, taught, and did policy work in the healthcare field. She moved to Connecticut in 1994, and won a seat as a state representative in 2008. In 2012, Esty's run for Connecticut's 5th district was aided by an edge in fundraising and winning the endorsement of The New York Times, which pointed to her vote against capital punishment in the state legislature as "the kind of political fortitude Washington desperately needs." Just before Esty took office, the Sandy Hook school shooting occurred in Newtown, which Esty told the Connecticut Mirror "refocused [her] agenda."

Committees

- Science, Space, and Technology
- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Veterans' Affairs

Biography

First Elected: 2012

Education:
Harvard University, B.A., 1981
Yale Law School, J.D., 1985

Religion: Congregationalist

Family:
Marital Status: Married, Spouse: Dan Esty, 3 children

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Election Results

2016 General

Elizabeth Esty (D)	179,252	58%
Clay Cope (R)	129,801	42%

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