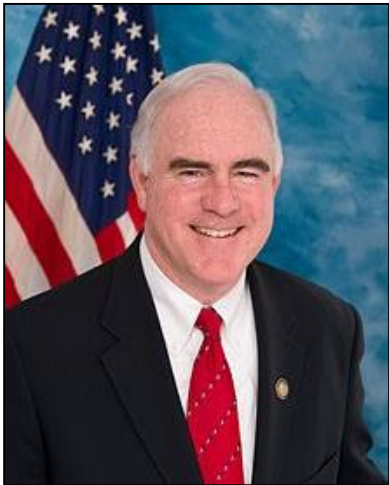


# Rep. Patrick Meehan



## Biography

Meehan grew up in Cheltenham Township, in Montgomery County, just north of Philadelphia. He helped pay his tuition at Bowdoin College by working at a rubber factory, where he shoveled rubber pellets into an incinerator. Meehan graduated from Temple University law school, and then went to work for the large law firm founded by long ago Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth (1956-62). In 1994, Meehan was the campaign manager for Republican Rick Santorum in his successful Senate race against incumbent Democrat Harris Wofford. With his solid Republican credentials, he was elected district attorney in Delaware County in 1995. In 2001, Meehan was appointed U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. When Democratic Rep. Joe Sestak decided to challenge Specter for his Senate seat in 2010, Meehan ran for Sestak’s House seat. Meehan was endorsed by the United Aerospace Workers Local 1069. Meehan won 55%-44%, carrying all three counties in the district. In the House, Meehan was one of three freshmen appointed to the Republican Steering Committee, a leadership-run panel that makes committee assignments. But he showed plenty of independence, especially on legal issues. He won House passage of his bill in 2012 to establish guidelines for the Homeland Security Department’s sharing of information with state and local law enforcement about threats involving chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons.

## Biography

Currently:  
Representative, PA-7  
Elected: 2010  
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Education:  
Bowdoin Col., B.A. 1978;  
Temple Law, U., 1986  
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Religion: Roman Catholic  
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Family: Married (Carolyn), 3  
children  
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## Stance on Issues

- Strongly opposes expanding Obamacare
- Strongly opposes taxes on the wealthy
- Strongly favors keeping God in the public sphere
- Strongly opposes privatized Social Security
- Favors stricter punishment to reduce crime
- Voted to pass a bill to increase military and domestic spending level

## Committees

Ethics Committee  
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Ways and Means Committee  
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## Election Results

2016 General		
Patrick Meehan (R)	Votes: 225,678	Percent: 59.5%
Mary Ellen Balchunis (D)	Votes: 153,824	Percent: 40.5%

Sources: National Journal Almanac, 2017; Patrick Meehan, Ballotpedia, 2017.