

# Rep. Robert Brady (D-PA-1)



## Background

Democrat Robert Brady, elected in 1998, is the personification of Philadelphia’s old-fashioned urban politics, and is one of the few remaining white ethnic party bosses in big-city America. He depicts himself as a roll-up-your-sleeves guy who represents working-class voters, and says he’s proud to be the boss of what he calls the nation’s largest big-city machine, referring to his chairmanship of the Philadelphia Democratic Party, which he has held since 1986. Brady has a liberal voting record and keeps a low profile in Washington. For “the most powerful man in Philadelphia,” Philadelphia magazine once wrote, “Washington gas-bagging is not his thing.” He boasts of once refusing to take a phone call from President Bill Clinton because he was busy dealing with a woman asking if he could send someone to fix her toilet. His loyalty to unions led him to buck environmentalists and most Democrats to vote for drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

## Committees

- Armed Services
- House Administration

## Biography

First Elected: 1998

Education:  
St. Thomas More H.S.

Religion: Roman Catholic

Family:  
Marital Status: Married, Spouse: Debra, 2 children

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## Election Results

2016 General

Robert Brady (D)	245,791	82%
Deborah Williams (R)	53,219	18%

## Online Info

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