

LEGISLATOR

US Representative


CAROLYN MALONEY (D-NY-12)**IN OFFICE**

Up for re-election in 2016

12th Term


Re-elected in 2014

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Carolyn Maloney is a tireless advocate for liberal positions on topics as diverse as women's health and reproductive rights, the bailout and regulatory overhaul of Wall Street, and the continued federal involvement in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York's twin towers.

In her third decade in the House, Maloney is one of the chamber's most prolific sponsors of legislation. In the 109th through 112th Congresses, she ranked no lower than fourth among House members in the number of bills she introduced, ranging from 65 to 88.

Her legislative interests span a broad spectrum; although she ranks high in seniority on both the Financial Services and the Oversight and Government Reform panels, Maloney doesn't confine herself to topics under the jurisdiction of those committees. For example, of the first 15 measures she introduced in the 113th Congress, only four were referred to her panels. All told, the measures were sent to nine different committees, including Natural Resources and Foreign Affairs.

On Maloney's House website is a page featuring her legislative accomplishments related to interstate banking, breast-cancer screening and breastfeeding, oil royalties, sexual assault, Nazi war crimes and a credit card holder's bill of rights. The latter measure, which prohibited retroactive rate increases and double-cycle billing, was enacted in 2009 over the vigorous opposition of the credit industry.

She also has a page with her specific projects of interest -- many of which relate to the terrorist attacks, including providing health care for emergency workers and implementing the recommendations of the Sept. 11 Commission. In addition, she has worked to obtain funding for Manhattan's Second Avenue subway line, which is in her district and is scheduled to open in December 2016, according to New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Early in the 113th Congress, a reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act included provisions of her bill to require institutions of higher education to develop and communicate their policies on domestic and dating violence, stalking, and sexual assault, including the disclosure of related information. The bill also included her long-standing effort to reallocate law-enforcement funds to speed processing of rape kits, the evidence collected after an assault.

She has been active in gun-control efforts, and in the 113th Congress she offered legislation that would make firearms trafficking a federal crime and would impose stronger penalties for "straw purchasers," those who buy guns for convicted felons, who can't. Her New York City office received a telephoned death threat soon after she introduced the bill.

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Also in 2013, she joined with other New York City lawmakers to offer a measure exempting the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund and the World Trade Center Health Fund from the effects of the across-the-board budget cuts that took effect March 1, 2013.

Liberal Views

Maloney is a member of the Progressive Caucus, a group of the most-liberal Democrats in the House. She routinely gets 90 percent-plus scores from Americans for Democratic Action, which describes itself as "the nation's most experienced organization committed to liberal politics, liberal policies and a liberal future." Conversely, the American Conservative Union has often given her a zero grade for her votes on issues it considers important.

Born in Greensboro, North Carolina, Maloney worked for several years after college as a teacher and an administrator with the New York City Board of Education. She then was a senior aide with the New York state legislature before challenging - and defeating -- incumbent Robert Rodriguez in 1982 for a seat on the New York City Council, representing a largely Spanish-speaking area of East Harlem and the South Bronx.

Maloney served on the council for 10 years, setting up a computerized system to monitor \$7 billion of annual contracts the city awards, and was the principal author of the city's Campaign Finance Act. She was the first council member to give birth while in office, and she introduced the first New York measure to recognize domestic partnerships, including those of same-sex couples.

In 1992, she set her sights on the House seat held by Republican Bill Green, who was seeking an eighth term from a district that included Manhattan's wealthy East Side. She defeated Green by about 5,000 votes, becoming one of 19 new women in the House in what became known as the "Year of the Woman" election. In her 10 re-elections since then, she has prevailed handily, capturing at least 60 percent of the vote. In 2012, she defeated her Republican opponent, investment banker Christopher Wight, by more than 4-to-1.

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BIO FROM REPRESENTATIVE'S WEBSITE

From the Representative's Website

First elected to Congress in 1992, Carolyn B. Maloney is recognized as a national leader with extensive accomplishments on financial services, national security, the economy, and women's issues. She is a senior member of both the House Financial Services Committee (where she serves as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Capital Markets) and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and the Ranking House member of the Joint Economic Committee. In the House Democratic Caucus, she serves as a Regional Whip (she served as Vice-Chair of the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee in the 112th Congress).

Her career has been a series of firsts. Maloney is the first woman to represent New York's 12th Congressional District; the first woman to represent New York City's 7th Councilmanic district (where she was the first woman to give birth while in office); and was the first woman to Chair the Joint Economic Committee, a House and Senate panel that examines and addresses the nation's most pressing economic issues. Only 18 women in history have chaired Congressional committees.

On the House Financial Services Committee, she has worked to modernize financial services laws and regulations, strengthen consumer protections, and institute more vigilant oversight of the safety and soundness of our nation's banking industry. In the 113th Congress, she was selected by her Committee colleagues to be Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises. She continues her membership on the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit (which she chaired in the 109th and 110th Congresses, and where she served as Ranking Member in the 112th Congress), and joins the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.

Maloney served on the historic conference committee for the Dodd-Frank financial reforms, which also created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Her Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights (the Credit CARD Act) was signed into law by President Obama in Spring of 2009. As a senior member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Maloney legislation has helped government work more efficiently and has saved hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars.

As co-founder of the House 9/11 Commission Caucus, Maloney helped author and pass legislation which created the 9/11 Commission and, later, to implement all of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations for improving intelligence gathering^described as the most influential intelligence bill in decades. The James Zadroga 9/11 Health Care and Compensation Act. her bill to provide health care and compensation for 9/11 first responders. residents and workers near

Ground Zero passed Congress in late 2010 was signed into law by President Obama January 2, 2011.

A champion for domestic and international women's issues, Maloney helped pass legislation that targets the 'demand' side of sex trafficking; provides annual mammograms for women on Medicare; the Debbie Smith Act which increases funding for law enforcement to process DNA rape kits, termed 'the most important anti-rape legislation in history.' Her legislation to create Women's Health Offices in five Federal agencies was part of the landmark health care reform legislation signed by President Obama.

New York City has no stronger advocate in Congress than Maloney. She has delivered over \$7 billion in federal aid to New York City just in the last ten years, including hundreds of millions of dollars each for two of the largest transit construction projects in the nation, the Second Avenue Subway and East Side Access project, both of which run through her district, and have helped create thousands of jobs in New York. Most recently, over \$300 million in federal grants were directed to high speed rail improvement projects in the Sunnyside Rail Yards in Queens, which will help remove a bottleneck toward high speed rail in the Northeast Corridor.

Many Maloney bills have been signed at ceremonies in the White House, where all the principal legislators involved in the legislation witness the President signing their bill into law-

New York Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney is a national leader with extensive accomplishments on security, financial services, the economy and women's issues. She also has been a force representing the interests of the City of New York in Congress from the time she entered, in 1993.

In the 112th Congress, Maloney serves as a senior member of of the House Financial Service Committee and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. She is the immediate past Chair of the Joint Economic Committee.

PERSONAL PROFILE

COMMITTEES

[House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform](#)

[House Committee on Financial Services](#)

[Joint Economic Committee](#)

Ranking Member

CAUCUSES

[Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues](#)

[Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease](#)

[Congressional Caucus on Qatari-American Economic Strategic Defense, Cultural and Educational Partnership](#)

Birthdate 02/19/1946

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Political Party Democratic Party

Marital Status Widow

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Residence New York, NY

Family 2 children

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Education

Greensboro College
Bachelor's Degree 1968

Administrator, City of New York NY 1982 - 1992 Council Member, City of New York NY 01-03-1993 - Present Representative:New York, (US)House of Representatives