

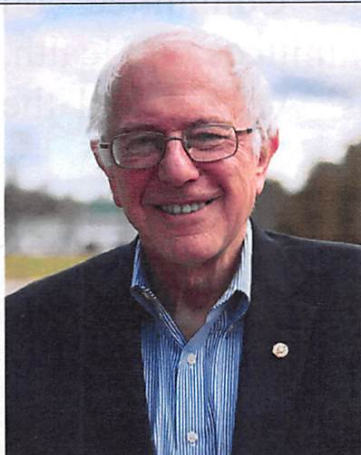
TO: Dr. Gordon Isbell III—Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)

FROM: Alston & Bird LLP

DATE: May 12, 2024

RE: Briefing Book—Senate Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP) Committee hearing entitled, *Examining the Dental Care Crisis in America: How Can We Make Dental Care More Affordable and More Available?*

Senate HELP Committee Members
Democrats



Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended Brooklyn College before graduating from the University of Chicago. He worked a number of jobs after moving to Vermont before being elected as mayor of Burlington in 1981. He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1990 and served for 16 years. Senator Sanders was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006. His combined service in Congress

makes him the longest serving independent member of Congress in American history.

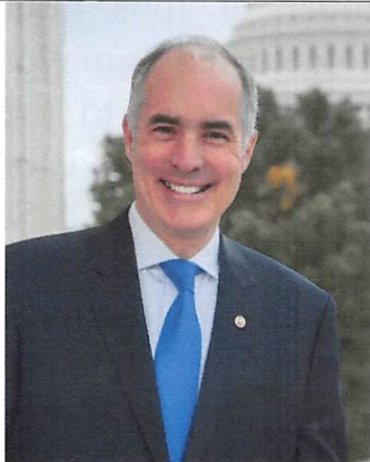
Senator Sanders is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). He also serves on the Senate Committees on Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works (EPW); Veterans' Affairs; and the Budget.



Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) was born and raised in Bothell, Washington. She graduated from Washington State University with a degree in physical education. Senator Murray went on to teach at the Shoreline Community College preschool program and community college. She served on the Shoreline School Board, and in 1988, she was elected to the Washington State Senate. Senator Murray was elected to the U.S.

Senate in 1992.

Senator Murray is the Chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. She also serves on the Senate Committees on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Veterans' Affairs; and the Budget.

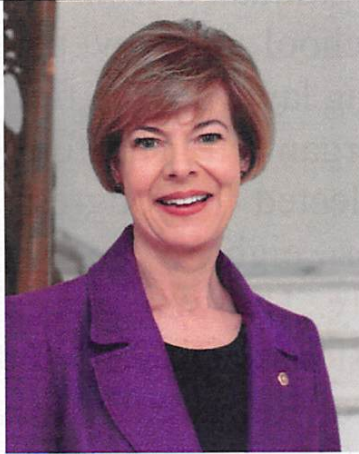


Senator Bob Casey Jr. (D-PA) was born and raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He is the son of former Pennsylvania governor Bob Casey. He graduated from The College of the Holy Cross in 1982, and spent the following year teaching fifth grade and coaching eighth grade basketball in inner city Philadelphia for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He received his law degree from Catholic University in 1988 and entered the practice of law

in Scranton. Senator Casey served stints as both Pennsylvania's auditor general and treasurer before his time in Congress. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2006 and won reelection in 2018, becoming the state's first Democratic Senator to win a third consecutive term.

Senator Cases serves as the Chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. He is also a member of the Select Intelligence Committee and

serves on the Senate Committees on Finance; and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).



Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. She double-majored in political science and mathematics at Smith College. In 1989, Senator Baldwin received her law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School. In 1986, while in law school, she served on the Madison Common Council, filling an aldermanic vacancy. She was then elected to four terms (1986-1994) on the Dane County Board of Supervisors. In 1992, she was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, serving three terms. In 1998, Senator Baldwin was elected as Wisconsin's first female member of Congress and the nation's first openly gay challenger sent to Congress. She served seven terms in the House of Representatives. Senator Baldwin was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012 and made history as Wisconsin's first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate and the first openly gay member elected to the U.S. Senate.

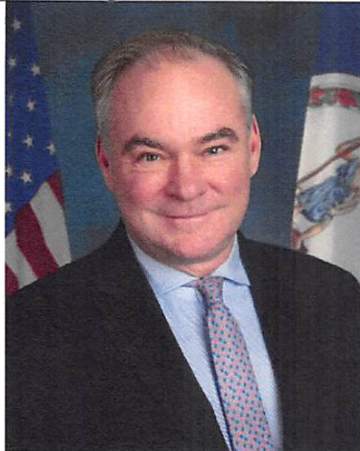
Senator Baldwin serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations; Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST); and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).



Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT) grew up in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and attended Williams College in Massachusetts. He graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law and practiced real estate and banking law with the firm of Ruben, Johnson & Morgan in Hartford, Connecticut. Before getting elected to Congress, Senator Murphy served for eight years in Connecticut General Assembly. He then served Connecticut's Fifth Congressional District for three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Senator Murphy was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012.

Senator Murphy serves on the Senate Committees on Appropriations; Foreign Relations; and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).



Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) graduated from the University of Missouri and began his career by running a technical school founded by Jesuit missionaries in Honduras. He later graduated from Harvard Law School and then practiced law in Richmond for 17 years, specializing in the representation of people who had been denied housing due to their race, disability, or family status. Senator Kaine also taught classes part-time

at the University of Richmond. He served as a city council member and later mayor of Richmond. Senator Kaine became Lieutenant Governor of Virginia in 2002 and was inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012.

Senator Kaine serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); Armed Services; Foreign Relations; and the Budget.



Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) earned her B.A. from Brown University and her J.D. from the Northeastern School of Law. She was drawn to public service while advocating to ensure that children like her son Ben, who experiences severe disabilities, would be fully included in their communities. She also worked as a business attorney and was asked to serve on the New Hampshire Governor’s Advisory Committee to the Adequacy in Education and Finance Commission in 1999. She was first elected to the New Hampshire Senate in 2004. She served in the New Hampshire Senate until 2010 and was elected as the state’s governor in 2012. Senator Hassan was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2016 and was reelected in 2022.

Senator Hassan serves on the Senate Committees on Finance; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC); and Veterans’ Affairs; as well as the Joint Economic Committee.



Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and lived in a handful of states before attending Stanford University. After college, she went to the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. She first worked at General Mills in Minnesota before starting her own small business and later worked as an executive at Planned Parenthood. She served as chief of staff to Minneapolis

Mayor R.T. Rybak and following that, served as chief of staff to Minnesota governor Mark Dayton. Senator Smith became Minnesota's 48th Lieutenant Governor in 2015 and was appointed to the U.S. Senate in 2017. She won back-to-back election victories, securing her first 6-year term in November 2020.

Senator Smith serves on the Senate Committees on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Indian Affairs, and Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.



Senator Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) grew up in Nambé, a small farming community north of Santa Fe, bordered by the Nambé and Pojoaque Pueblos. He earned his bachelor's degree from New Mexico Highlands University in Business Administration. Senator Lujan was the New Mexico Cultural Affairs Department's director of administrative services and chief financial officer. He also served as the Chairman of the

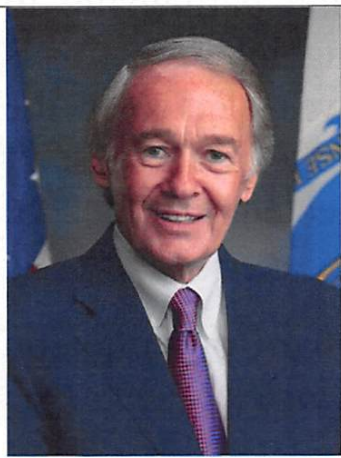
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. He served as the U.S. representative for New Mexico's 3rd congressional district from 2009 until his election to the U.S. Senate in 2020.

Senator Lujan serves on the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Commerce, Science, and Technology (CST); Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Indian Affairs; and the Budget.



Senator John Hickenlooper (D-CO) started his career in Colorado as a geologist. After being laid off in the long recession of the mid-80's, he opened the state's first brewpub in Denver. In 2003, he was elected Mayor of Denver. Senator Hickenlooper then served as Governor of Colorado from 2011 to 2019 before being elected as a U.S. Senator in 2020.

Senator Hickenlooper serves on the Senate Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST); Energy and Natural Resources; Small Businesses and Entrepreneurship; and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).

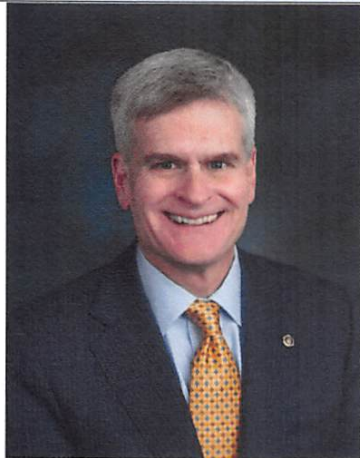


Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) was born in Malden, Massachusetts. He attended Boston College (B.A., 1968) and Boston College Law School (J.D., 1972). He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and then was elected to the Massachusetts State House where he served two terms representing Malden and Melrose. Senator Markey served for 37 years in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Markey was elected to finish out John Kerry's Senate term after

he was named Secretary of State in 2013 and then was elected to a full six-year term in 2014. Senator Markey is the longest-tenured House member ever elected to the Senate.

Senator Markey serves on the Senate Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST); Environment and Public Works (EPW); Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Senate HELP Committee Members Republicans



Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and attended Louisiana State University (LSU) for undergraduate and medical school. In 1990, he joined LSU Medical School teaching medical students and residents at Earl K. Long Hospital, a hospital for the uninsured. Senator Cassidy co-founded the Greater Baton Rouge Community Clinic, a clinic providing free dental and health care to the working uninsured. He also created a private-public partnership to vaccinate 36,000 greater Baton Rouge area children against Hepatitis B at no cost to the schools or parents. In 2006, he was elected to the Louisiana State Senate and in 2008 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2014, Senator Cassidy was elected to the U.S. Senate.

Senator Cassidy serves as the Ranking Member of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP). He also serves on the

Senate Committees on Finance; Energy and Natural Resources; and Veterans' Affairs.



Senator Rand Paul (R-KY) grew up in Lake Jackson, Texas, and attended Baylor University. He graduated from Duke Medical School in 1988. Dr. Paul completed a general surgery internship at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta, GA, and completed his residency in ophthalmology at Duke University Medical Center. In 1995, Dr. Paul founded the Southern Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic, an organization that provides eye exams and surgery to needy families and individuals. He is a former president and 17-year member of Lions Clubs International, which is dedicated to preserving sight by providing eyeglasses and surgery to the less fortunate around the world. Senator Paul was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2010.

He is a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP). He is also the Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC).



Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) was born and raised in Caribou, Maine, where both her parents served as mayor. Senator Collins graduated Phi Beta Kappa from St. Lawrence University in 1975 and began working for Maine Representative Bill Cohen. In 1987, she was appointed by Maine Governor John McKernan as Commissioner of the Maine Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. In 1992, she was appointed as Director of the Small Business Administration's Regional Office by President George H.W. Bush. In 1996,

Senator Collins was elected to the Senate, succeeding Bill Cohen. In 2020, she won a historic re-election victory, becoming the first-ever Republican woman to win a 5th term.

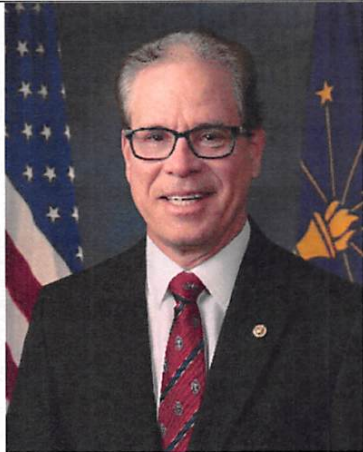
Senator Collins is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Appropriations. She also serves on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); and the Select Committee on Intelligence.



Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) is a third generation Alaskan who was born in Ketchikan and raised in towns across the state, including Wrangell, Juneau, Fairbanks, and Anchorage. She received an Economics degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from Willamette College of Law. Senator Murkowski was an Alaska State Representative from 1999-2002. She was appointed to the Senate in 2002 and was

elected to a full six-year term in 2004. She is up for reelection in 2022.

Senator Murkowski serves on the Senate Committee on Appropriations; Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); and is Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.



Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) was born and raised in Indiana and graduated from Jasper High School in 1972, where he served as senior class president and lettered in football, basketball, and track. He went on to graduate from Wabash College where he earned an economics degree, graduated *summa cum laude*, and served as President of the Student Body. Senator Braun then received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School before moving

back to Jasper, IN to co-found Crystal Farms, Inc., which later became one of the largest turkey operations in the Midwest. He later became the founder and CEO of Meyer Distributing. He served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 2014 to 2017 before his election to the U.S. Senate in 2018.

Senator Braun serves on the Senate Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); the Budget; and is Ranking Member of the Special Committee on Aging.

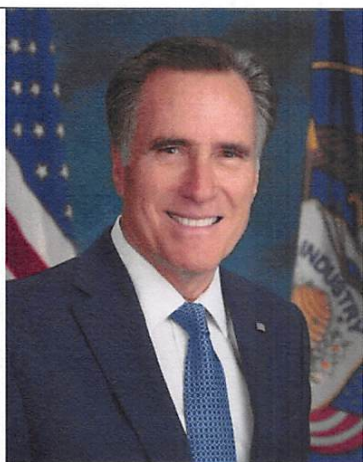


Senator Roger Marshall (R-KS) grew up in Butler County, Kansas and was the first in his family to attend college. After graduating from Butler County Community College, he received his bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and his Medical Doctorate from the University of Kansas. Senator Marshall practiced medicine in Great Bend, Kansas for more than 25 years and served in the Army Reserves for seven

years.

Senator Marshall represented the first district of Kansas in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2017 to 2021. He was then elected to the U.S. Senate in 2020.

He is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC); the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP); and the Committee on the Budget.

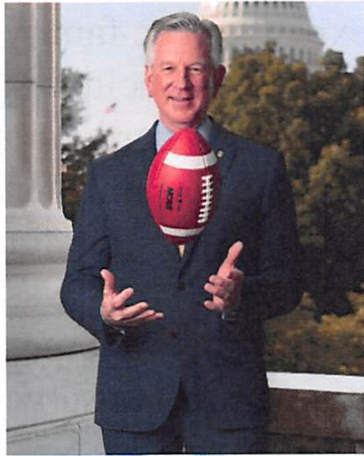


Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and his JD/MBA from Harvard University. He was the co-founder of Bain Capital, a leading investment company, and the turnaround CEO of Bain & Company, an international management consulting firm. Senator Romney led the 2002 Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the Winter Olympics.

He was then Governor of Massachusetts from 2003 to 2007. Senator Romney was a candidate for the 2008 Republican presidential

nomination and Republican nominee for president in 2012. He was elected as to the U.S. Senate in 2018.

Senator Romney serves on the Senate Committees on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Foreign Relations; the Budget; and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (HSGAC).



Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) was born in Camden, Arkansas and attended Harmony Grove High School before attending Southern Arkansas University, where he majored in Education and was a letterman at free safety. He spent 40-years in higher education as a college football coach, including stints as an Assistant Coach and Defensive-Coordinator at the University of Miami and Texas A&M, before being named the Head

Coach at the University of Mississippi. In 1998, Senator Tuberville was named Head Coach at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama, where he coached for 11 years. After retiring from coaching, Senator Tuberville was elected to the Senate in 2020 and is currently serving his first term representing Alabama.

Senator Tuberville serves on the Senate Committee on Armed Services; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs; and the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP).



Senator Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) was born and raised in Oklahoma, attending Missouri Valley College on a wrestling scholarship until he left to take over his family's plumbing business at age 20. He later received his Associate's degree from the Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology. Senator Mullin expanded the family business and founded other companies, including a restaurant. He also accrued a 5-0 record as a professional mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter. Senator Mullin then began his time in public service, serving as the U.S. representative for Oklahoma's 2nd congressional district from 2013 to 2023. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2022, replacing retiring Senator James Inhofe. Notably, he is only the second Cherokee Nation citizen to serve in the U.S. Senate.

Senator Mullin serves on the Senate Committees on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); on Armed Services; on Environment and Public Works; and on Indian Affairs.



Senator Ted Budd (R-NC) grew up in Davie County, North Carolina, and later graduate with a B.B.A. from Appalachian State University. He also holds a Masters in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary and an M.B.A. from Wake Forest University. Prior to his time in public service, Senator Budd was the owner of a gun range. Senator Budd served as U.S. representative for North Carolina's 13th congressional district from 2017 to 2023. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2022.

Senator Budd serves on the Senate Committees on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP); Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST); and Small Business and Entrepreneurship.



Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC) worked as a warehouse records clerk after graduating high school because he could not afford college. He eventually received a Bachelor of Science in technology management from the University of Maryland University College Park in 1996. Senator Tillis worked in many positions in industry prior to moving into public service, notably working in consulting at IBM. In 2006, he was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives and was selected by his peers to serve as Speaker of the House from 2011 to 2014. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2014.

Senator Tillis serves on the Senate Committees on Finance; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Veterans' Affairs; and the Judiciary.

Witnesses Present



Dr. Lisa Simon, MD, DMD is an associate physician at Brigham and Women's hospital and a member of the faculty of Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. She received her bachelor's degree from Yale University in 2010, where she studied Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. She went on to obtain her Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) from Harvard University in 2014. In 2016, Dr. Simon returned to Harvard to complete medical school, where she graduated in 2020.

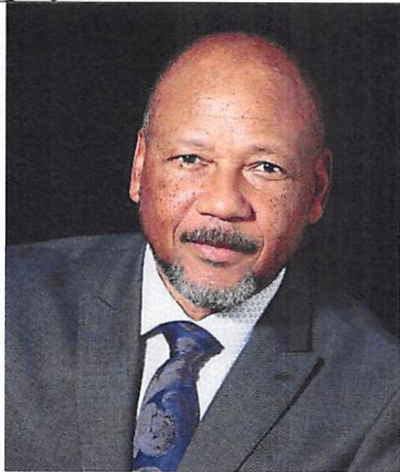
Currently, Dr. Simon works as a fellow in Harvard's Oral Health and Medicine Integration Program and an instructor in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology in the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She has been involved in the implementation of medical-dental integration projects in both the primary care, dental, and inpatient setting and has published more than 60 peer-reviewed articles on oral health policy and the separation of medicine and dentistry in high-impact journals including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Health Affairs*, and the *Journal of the American Dental Association*.



Dr. Myechia Minter-Jordan, MD, MBA is the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CareQuest Institute for Oral Health, a nonprofit aimed at enhancing equity in oral health care. Prior to joining CareQuest, Dr. Minter-Jordan served as chief medical officer and CEO of the Dimcock Center, one of the largest community health centers in

Massachusetts. Additionally, she is a founding leader of The New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund (NCF).

She earned her Doctor of Medicine from Brown University School of Medicine and obtained a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business. Dr. Minter-Jordan worked for John Hopkins Medicine as an attending physician and instructor of medicine.



Dr. Brian Jeffrey Swann, DMD, MPH is the Chief of Oral Health at Cambridge Health Alliance and an instructor at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Massachusetts. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Remote Area Medical (RAM) and is Co-Chair of the Global Oral Health Outreach program at Harvard.

Dr. Swann earned his DMD from the University of California, San Francisco, School of Dentistry. He has also served as a Joseph L. Henry Fellow in Minority Health Policy at Harvard Medical School and received certificates in health policy and epidemiology from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Swann completed his Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.