



Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger

Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger is serving his third term in the United States House of Representatives representing the citizens of Maryland's 2nd District. Congressman Ruppertsberger is known as a consensus builder who works with Members from both sides of the aisle to get results for Maryland and the nation.

The Congressman serves on the prestigious Appropriations Committee. The Appropriations Committee is responsible for funding federal budgets including agriculture, defense, energy and water, foreign operations, homeland security, the environment, labor, health and human services, military, science, and transportation. He also serves on the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, the Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee, and the Legislative Branch Subcommittee.

In what Congressional Quarterly called "a coup", Congressman Ruppertsberger was the first Democratic freshman ever to be appointed to the powerful House Select Committee on Intelligence. The committee oversees the collection and analysis of intelligence information from all around the world to ensure our national security and prevent potential crisis situations - especially terrorist activity. The Congressman is Chairman of the Technical and Tactical Intelligence Subcommittee. He also serves on the Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counterintelligence Subcommittee and the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Congressman Ruppertsberger was hand-picked by the Democratic Leadership and named an Assistant Whip. In this prestigious position he meets regularly with the House leadership to help set legislative priorities and to ensure the passage of key measures.

Creating jobs and improving the Maryland economy is one of Congressman Ruppertsberger's top priorities. He is working hard to provide high-quality, affordable healthcare for everyone and help seniors purchase reasonably priced prescription drugs. The Congressman is also fighting to keep our country safe and get our first responders the funds they need to protect our communities and our families. Congressman Ruppertsberger is also a strong supporter of our troops. He created a program called "Operation Hero Miles" that allows everyday Americans to donate unused frequent flyer miles to American military personnel and their families. Troops can use the free tickets to fly home from Iraq or Afghanistan to handle an emergency. Family members of wounded troops can use the free tickets to fly to military hospitals to be with an injured loved one. More information is available at www.heromiles.org. Maryland's 2nd District includes parts of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Anne Arundel County and Harford County. It is a vital center of trade and commerce for the state and national economy and includes Baltimore-Washington International Airport, the Port of Baltimore and thousands of businesses and manufacturing concerns dependent on these international gateways. The 2nd is also home to the National Security Agency, Fort Meade, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, the Coast Guard Yard at Curtis Bay and other installations essential to the country's national security.

With more than 20 years of public service experience, Congressman Ruppertsberger has spent more than two decades helping his community as an elected official. Before being elected to Congress, he was the Baltimore County Executive from 1994 to 2002. Under his leadership, Baltimore County was named one of the nation's four best-managed counties by Governing Magazine in 2001 and is still one of only 19 counties nationally which continue to receive a triple-A bond rating from all three of the country's bond rating agencies. Prior to serving as County Executive, Congressman Ruppertsberger served nine years on the Baltimore County Council and was twice elected as Council Chairman.

The Congressman chose a political career after a near-fatal car accident in 1975 while investigating a drug trafficking case as a State's Attorney. With luck and the dedication of doctors at the University of Maryland's renowned Shock Trauma center, he survived. After recovering the young investigative prosecutor decided to run for public office to help others and to repay Shock Trauma for saving his life. Today, he remains an active supporter of the hospital, serving as Vice Chairman of Shock Trauma's Board of Visitors.

A native of Baltimore City, Congressman Ruppertsberger spent his summers as a lifeguard in Ocean City. He attended Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland at College Park, where he played varsity lacrosse. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Baltimore Law School. The Congressman has been married for 37 years to his high school sweetheart, the former Kay Murphy. Together they have two grown children, Cory and Jill.