



Nita M. Lowey

U.S. House Representative

U.S. House Representative Nita M. Lowey is currently serving her sixteenth term in Congress, representing parts of Westchester and Rockland counties. She was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1988.

As Representative Lowey began serving her term in the 113th Congress (2013-2015), she became the Ranking Member of the Democratic Party on the House Appropriations Committee—making Rep. Lowey the first woman to chair the House Appropriations Committee.

Few members of Congress have taken key leadership roles on a variety of vital public policy issues. She has led the effort to make our nation more secure by supporting first responders' preparedness initiatives and equipment. Rep. Lowey has worked to increase health care access and biomedical research, as well as spearheaded the effort to more than double the funding for breast cancer research. A strong proponent of education, she has successfully fought efforts to cut funding for public broadcasting and has supported fully funding the federal government's commitment to education on all levels. Because Rep. Lowey understands that instability abroad undermines security at home, she is a fierce advocate for increasing developmental assistance overseas as chair of the United States House Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs.

Rep. Lowey served in House Democratic Leadership positions in 2001 and 2002 as the first woman and first New Yorker to chair the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. A Bronx-native, she graduated from Bronx High School of Science and received a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College. Rep. Lowey served as assistant secretary of state for the State of New York before being elected to Congress. She and her husband, Stephen, have been married for 50 years and have three grown children and eight grandchildren.