



# *Senator Mike Crapo*

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(Springdale town hall)

As a lifelong Idahoan, Mike Crapo has learned that a willingness to listen makes for a more effective leader and lawmaker. Mike's commonsense approach and collaborative, creative problem-solving have enabled him to achieve lasting solutions to issues of importance to Idahoans and the nation. Mike ranks 13<sup>th</sup> in overall Senate seniority in the 117th Congress.

**Finance Committee**— Senator Crapo joined the [Senate Finance Committee](#) in 2005, and became the top Republican on the Committee in February 2021, giving Idaho a strong voice in legislation relating to federal tax policy; federal social safety net; health care programs; and implementation of reciprocal foreign trade agreements. Senator Crapo strongly supports free market policies that fuel economic growth. Building on the successful 2017 tax reform law, increasing access to quality, affordable health care and promoting the U.S.'s global competitiveness through free and fair trade are among his top priorities.

**Banking Committee**— In addition to serving on the Senate Finance Committee, Senator Crapo is a current member and former Chairman (115<sup>th</sup> and 116<sup>th</sup> Congresses) and Ranking Member (113<sup>th</sup> Congress) of the [Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs](#), which has jurisdiction over efforts to promote the stability of the financial system and responsible lending to families and businesses. He has been a member of the Committee since the beginning of his Senate service in 1999.



(Senator Crapo chairing a Banking Com. hearing)

He serves on three Banking Subcommittees:

1. **Securities, Insurance and Investment;**
2. **National Security and International Trade and Finance; and**
3. **Housing, Transportation and Community Development.**

His strong background and interest in the finance arena has led to his leadership role in making inroads in the areas of regulatory relief, expansion of homeownership, trade and securities and investment. As Chairman of the Banking Committee, he successfully ushered important bipartisan bills into law, including:

- legislation to **right-size regulation** for smaller financial institutions;
- legislation to strengthen and expand economic **sanctions against Russia**; and
- legislation to **protect our nation's critical technologies** from foreign competitors, among others.

In early 2020, Crapo served as one of the lead negotiators in crafting major COVID-19 relief legislation, shaping many of the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act designed to provide significant economic support to severely distressed sectors of the U.S. economy.



(Senator Crapo presents the City of Carey a Congressional Record Statement celebrating the City's Centennial)

**Budget Committee**—In 2003, Mike was selected to serve as a member of the [Senate Budget Committee](#), which is responsible for crafting Congress's annual budget plan, monitoring action on the budget and overseeing the operation of the Congressional Budget Office. Mike's fiscally-conservative principles guide his continued efforts to rein in federal spending and address our nation's fiscal health.

**Joint Committee on Taxation**—Senator Crapo also continues serving on the [Joint Committee on Taxation](#), a bipartisan committee with members of both the House and Senate who work collaboratively on the tax legislative process.

**Judiciary Committee**—From the start of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress through the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, Mike served on the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#). As a former practicing attorney in Idaho Falls before entering public service, Mike assumed an active role on the Committee responsible for criminal justice policy and other related matters and remains engaged in any issues before the Committee—as with other committees on which he has served.



(Sen. Crapo questions then-Judge Amy Coney Barrett.)

During his service on the Committee, the Judiciary Committee advanced a historic number of judges, including three Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Debbie Smith Act, which supports state and local crime laboratories in processing cases and uploading DNA profiles into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) DNA database, was among the Crapo-backed legislation under the Committee's jurisdiction signed into law during his Committee service. His oversight involvement on the Committee included joining fellow Judiciary Committee members in questioning then-Attorney General William Barr about the Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election.

**Indian Affairs Committee**—Mike served on the [Senate Committee on Indian Affairs](#) for 12 years. Idaho is home to five Native American Tribes, contributing to the richness of Idaho's history and the State's future. The Indian Affairs Committee is tasked with addressing the unique challenges of the native peoples of our country, including health care access, education, economic development and land management, and considering any necessary legislative solutions.

(Senator Crapo speaks at a Secure Rural Schools rally in Boise)



**Environment Committee**—Mike served on the [Senate Environment and Public Works \(EPW\) Committee](#) from 2009 to 2017, having served on it previously from 1999 to 2005. The EPW Committee has jurisdiction over environmental policy, nuclear energy regulation, water issues, fisheries, highway funding, wildlife and other issues. Previously, Mike served as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife. Idaho is defined, in part, by its vast natural resources and the environmental issues that often

accompany them, and Mike is heavily involved in natural resources related issues ranging from efforts to update and strengthen the Endangered Species Act to clean water to salmon recovery. Mike has also led on a number of bipartisan, nuclear-related proposals, including the Nuclear Energy Innovation Capabilities Act (NEICA), Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) and American Nuclear Infrastructure Act (ANIA).



(November 4, 2020--Idaho Collegiate Farm Bureau awarding Senator Crapo the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award.)

**Agriculture Committee**—From 2001 to 2008, Mike served as a member of the [Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Committee](#) and advanced the needs of Idaho's agriculture and timber industries during the crafting of the 2002 Farm Bill and the 2008 Farm Bill. During his service on the Committee, he served as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Rural Revitalization, Conservation, Forestry and Credit, with jurisdiction over rural development; conservation; stewardship of natural resources; state, local and private forests and general forestry; and agricultural and rural credit.

**Caucuses**— Mike leads or serves on many caucuses, which provide an organized forum to join with others in advocating for a wide range of issues important to Idahoans:

- **Founder and Co-Chairman, Senate Nuclear Cleanup Caucus;**
- **Co-Chairman, Heart and Stroke Coalition;**
- **Co-Chairman, Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus;**
- **Founder, Congressional Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Caucus,** reinforcing his role as a champion of men's and women's health issues;
- **Senate National Guard Caucus;**
- **Air Force Caucus;**
- **Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus;**
- **Senate Western Caucus;**
- **Co-Chairman, Senate Impact Aid Coalition;**
- **Senate Working Forests Caucus;**
- **Senate Recycling Caucus;**
- **Career and Technical Education Caucus;**
- **Canada-U.S. Interparliamentary Group;**
- **Senate National Laboratory Caucus;**
- **Congressional TRIO Caucus;**
- **Senate Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism and others.**

**Leadership**—Mike’s sensible approach has earned him the respect of his colleagues, and he has been selected to serve in various leadership roles. Mike continues to serve as Chief Deputy Whip among Senate Republicans for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. During Mike’s tenure in the House, he served on House Leadership as New Member Leader, Strategic Planning Leader and Deputy Whip for the Western Region.

**Idaho Legislature**—Before being elected to the United States Senate in 1998, Mike served three terms as the 2nd District Representative for Idaho in the U.S. House of Representatives. Previously, he served in the Idaho State Senate from 1984 to 1992, and spent his final four years in the Idaho Legislature as Senate President Pro Tempore.



(Senator Crapo joins Governor Brad Little’s AARP town hall)



(Senator Crapo meets with members of the Idaho VFW)

**Experience and Education**—Prior to his service in Congress, Mike was a partner in the law firm of Holden, Kidwell, Hahn & Crapo. He is a member of the Idaho and California Bar Associations and the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court. He received his Juris Doctorate cum laude from Harvard Law School in 1977, and he graduated summa cum laude from Brigham Young University in 1973 with a B.A. in political science. Following graduation from law school, he served a one-year clerkship with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Priorities**—In addition to supporting free market policies that **fuel economic growth**; building on the successful 2017 **tax reform** law; increasing **access to quality, affordable health care**; and promoting the U.S.’s global competitiveness through **free and fair trade**; Mike’s many objectives for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress include:

- Making continued progress on **eliminating unnecessary federal regulations** that restrict the ability of Americans to turn their ideas into jobs;
- Standing firm against **federal overreach** jeopardizing western values; and
- **Advancing locally-driven collaboration** as the best means of addressing many of our environment and public lands issues.