



Rep. Betsy Markey (CO-04)

Betsy was elected to Congress on November 4th, 2008. She has represented the people of the Fourth Congressional District since January 6th, 2009. Betsy is focused on bringing fiscal responsibility back to Washington, rebuilding America's economy, creating and restoring jobs in Colorado, strengthening Colorado's transportation systems and infrastructure, creating a lasting energy plan for our country, and keeping Colorado's farming and ranching heritage strong.

From January 2005 to May 2007, Betsy served the people of the 4th Congressional District as U.S. Senator Ken Salazar's Regional Director for northern and eastern Colorado, a region encompassing the overwhelming majority of the 4th Congressional District's people and land. She worked closely with businesses, agricultural groups, elected leaders, non-profits and individual constituents to represent their interests.

Betsy is co-founder of Syscom Services, Inc., an Internet consulting and web site development firm. Betsy helped lead the firm to a #99 ranking in the Inc. 500 list of America's fastest-growing private companies. Syscom currently employs a workforce of over 40 people. Betsy was also the owner of Huckleberry's, a popular and successful coffee and ice cream shop in Old Town Fort Collins.

Betsy has extensive governmental experience. In 1978, she was hired by U.S. Congressman Herb Harris to work as a legislative aide for the Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service. After completing a Masters in Public Administration in 1983, Betsy was appointed a Presidential Management Fellow. She earned assignments in the Treasury Department, as a budget and program analyst, a human resources specialist, and a staff assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of the Customs Service.

The U.S. Department of State recruited Betsy in 1984 to develop computer security policies for the newly-formed Office of Information Systems Security. She held a top secret security clearance and traveled extensively to U.S. embassies and consulates. Betsy received the State Department's Meritorious Honor Award for creating their first computer security training program.

Betsy is an active community volunteer. She served as President of the Board of Directors of the Food Bank for Larimer County and has volunteered in the Poudre R-1 School District.

In 2001, Betsy became involved in local politics for the first time and, once again, inspired success. She founded the Northern Colorado Democratic Business Coalition to encourage small business owners to voice their opinions. In 2002, she was elected to Chair the Larimer County Democratic Party, a position she held until January 2005.

Betsy has been married to her husband Jim for 24 years. They have three children: Katie, 23, Erin, 21, and Al, 17.