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Rep. Steve Driehaus (OH-01)

Representative Steve Driehaus was sworn in on January 6, 2009 as the Member of Congress for Ohio's First District. Representative Driehaus sits on the House Financial Services and Oversight and Government Reform Committees, and he has begun work to improve the First District's aging infrastructure, to bring sensible ideas to the country's mortgage crisis, and to reverse the nation's economic decline.

Prior to his service in Congress, Steve served eight years in the Ohio House of Representatives. He was chosen by his peers to serve as House Minority Whip in 2003 and took a leadership role on issues such as election law and redistricting reform.

A fiscal conservative, Representative Driehaus was the sponsor of legislation that would force a review of the billions of dollars that Ohio foregoes in "tax expenditures." He served on the Finance and Appropriations, Insurance, Public Utilities and State Government and Elections committees in the State House. In addition, Steve served on the Governor's Foreclosure Prevention Task Force and the Clean Ohio Council. Representative Driehaus was named legislative "Rookie of the Year" by the Cincinnati Enquirer during his first term, and was named "Legislator of the Year" by both the Ohio Association of Elections Officials and the ARC of Ohio in 2007.

Representative Driehaus is a 1984 graduate of Elder High School in Cincinnati, and earned a degree in political science from Miami University. He holds a masters degree in public affairs from Indiana University and later served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, where he worked with village groups and local schools to promote sustainable environmental practices.

Steve directed the Community Building Institute, a collaborative effort of Xavier University and the United Way and Community Chest that promotes citizen-led, asset-based community development.

Steve, his wife, Lucienne, their two daughters Alex and Clare, and son Jack, live in Cincinnati.