

The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH)

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The Honorable Carol Shea-Porter, the first woman ever elected to national office from New Hampshire, served two terms in the U.S. House of Representatives, from 2007 to 2011, and is once again serving New Hampshire's First Congressional District in the 113th Congress. She serves as a member of the House Armed Services Committee (Subcommittees on Readiness and on Military Personnel) and the Natural Resources Committee (Subcommittees on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans & Insular Affairs and on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation).

On the Natural Resources Committee, Representative Shea-Porter has fought for clean energy, clean water and air, and land preservation. During hearings on the B.P. oil spill, she held oil companies and government agencies responsible for protecting the environment. She worked to help commercial fishermen by introducing the Marine Fisheries Service Ombudsman Act to ensure independent oversight to look out for our fishermen. She also was an original cosponsor of the Coastal Jobs Creation Act, which would invest in coastal infrastructure and provide needed funding for our coastal communities.

Representative Shea-Porter believes education is the key to prosperity, and she is a strong advocate for students and their families, teachers, and workers. She supports investing in early education, and has worked to expand access and affordability to higher education. She served on the Conference Committee for the reauthorization of Head Start, and was a strong supporter of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, the Higher Education and Opportunity Act, and the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act when they passed the 111th Congress. She was proud to receive the *Shirley Chisholm Award*, given by the New England Educational Opportunity Association in recognition of her work to save the Upward Bound program.

Representative Shea-Porter holds a BA in Social Services and a MS in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire.