



MARYLAND & THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES SENATE

U.S. SENATORS



BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, Esq. (Democrat)

U.S. Senator from Maryland, 2007-25

Member of U.S. Senate since January 4, 2007 to January 3, 2025. Chair, Foreign Relations Committee, 2023-25 (member, 2007-25; ranking minority member, 2015-18; african affairs subcommittee, 2007-16; european affairs subcommittee, 2007-08; near eastern & south & central asian affairs subcommittee, 2007-16; western hemisphere, peace corps & global narcotic affairs subcommittee, 2009-12; chair, international development & foreign assistance, economic affairs & international environmental protection subcommittee, 2011-12, member, 2009-12; chair, east asian & pacific affairs subcommittee, 2013-14, ranking minority member, 2015-16; western hemisphere, transnational crime, civilian security, democracy, human rights, & global women's issues subcommittee, 2021-25; europe & regional security cooperation subcommittee, 2023-25; near east, south asia, central asia & counterterrorism subcommittee, 2023-25; chair, state department & u.s. agency for international development (usaid) management, international operations, & bilateral international development subcommittee, 2021-25).

Member, Judiciary Committee, 2007-11 (antitrust, competition policy, & consumer rights

7-08; human rights & the law subcommittee, 2007-08; terrorism, technology, & subcommittee, 2007-08; constitution subcommittee, 2007-11; administrative oversight & the courts subcommittee, 2009-11; crime & drugs subcommittee, 2009-11; chair,

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terrorism & homeland security subcommittee, 2009-11); Budget Committee, 2007-16. Member, Environment and Public Works Committee, 2007-25 (superfund & environmental health subcommittee, 2007-08; transportation safety, infrastructure security & water quality subcommittee, 2007-08; clean air & nuclear safety subcommittee, 2009-25; fisheries, water & wildlife subcommittee, 2017-; chair, water & wildlife subcommittee, 2009-16; chair, transportation & infrastructure subcommittee, 2021-25, member, 2007-25, ranking minority member, 2015-20). Member, Finance Committee, 2011-25 (taxation & IRS oversight subcommittee, 2011-25; social security, pensions, & family policy subcommittee, 2011-16; co-chair, business income tax working group, 2017-22; chair, health care subcommittee, 2023-25, member, 2011-25). Chair, Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, 2021-25 (member, 2007-; ranking minority member, 2015-20). Chair, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission), 2021-25 (member, 2007-25; co-chair, 2007-15; ranking minority member, 2015-20). Member, Senate Military Family Caucus, 2010-25; Senate Oceans Caucus, 2011-25; Senate Ukrainian Caucus, 2015-25.

Member, Transit Task Force, Montgomery County, 2015.

Member of U.S. House of Representatives, representing 3rd Congressional District (parts of Anne Arundel, Baltimore & Howard counties, & Baltimore City), Maryland, January 3, 1987 to January 4, 2007. Senior Democratic Whip, 2003-07 (assistant democratic whip, 1987-2003). Member, Ways and Means Committee, 1989-2007 (trade subcommittee, 2005-07; human resources subcommittee, 1999-2007; social security subcommittee, 1999-2005; health subcommittee, 1989-99). Member, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission), 1993-2007 (ranking minority member); Select Committee on Homeland Security, 2003-07. Member, Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force, 2004-07. Member, Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, 1991-97; Budget Committee, 1997-2004. Co-Chair, Bipartisan Ethics Task Force, 1997. Member, House Democratic Steering Committee, 1993-2007. Chair, Democratic Transition Team, 1994. Chair, Organization, Study and Review Committee, Democratic Caucus, 1995-2007. Member, Steering Committee, Democratic Caucus. Member, Tax Policy and the Budget Tax Force, Democratic Caucus. Chair, General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology, and Environment of Parliamentary Assembly, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, 2003-07.

Member, House of Delegates, representing District 5 and District 42 (Baltimore City), 1967-86. House Speaker, 1979-86. Chair, Ways and Means Committee, 1974-79. Chair, Savings and Loan Oversight Committee, 1986. Chair, State Federal Assembly, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), 1980-81.

Member, Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism, 1981. Member, Governor's Commission on Laws, 1976-86; Maryland Veterans Home Commission, 1979-86; State Commission on the Capital City, 1979-86; State House Trust, 1979-86; Governor's Advisory

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Commission on Reapportionment and Redistricting, 1981; Interstate Banking Committee, 1982-83; Golden Age Card Task Force, 1982-83; Governor's Employment and Training Council, 1983-84; Western Maryland Enterprise Study Committee, 1983-86; Task Force on Health-Care Cost Containment, 1984; Fiscal Review Committee, 1984-86; Governor's Commission on Excellence in Higher Education, 1985. Board of Trustees, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 1988-99. Board of Visitors, University of Maryland School of Law, 1989-. Chair, Special Study Commission on the Maryland Public Ethics Law, 1998. Board of Visitors, University of Maryland Baltimore County, 1998-. Member, Congressional Advisory Committee, Women's Health Research Coalition, 1999-. Member, Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Democracy, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 2002-. National Advisory Board, Institute for Policy Studies, The Johns Hopkins University, 2003-. Board of Visitors, U.S. Naval Academy, 2007-25.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 5, 1943. Attended Baltimore public schools; Baltimore City College High School; University of Pittsburgh, B.A., cum laude, 1964; University of Maryland School of Law, LL.B., J.D., 1967 (1st in class). Admitted to Maryland Bar, 1967. Attorney. Member, Maryland State Bar Association. Board of Trustees, Baltimore Museum of Art, 1980-86, 1988-94. Board of Trustees, University of Maryland Alumni Association-International, 1982-88. Board of Directors, Associated Jewish Charities and Welfare Fund, 1985-89. Director, Re-Visions Foundation Inc., 1988-94. Chair, Maryland Legal Services Corporation, 1988-95. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012. Board of Trustees, Baltimore Council on Foreign Affairs, 1999-; Goucher College, 1999-; Baltimore City Historical Society, 2002-. Honorary degrees from University of Baltimore School of Law, 1990; University of Maryland at Baltimore, 1993; Baltimore Hebrew University, 1994; Goucher College, 1996; and Villa Julie College, 2007. Pro Bono Publico Award, American Bar Association, 1989. Israel Freedom Award, 1992. Representative of Year, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 1993. Congressional award, Small Business Council of America, 1993, 1999. Heinz National Leadership Award, Alliance to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, 1994. Hunting S. Williams Award, Coalition for a Lead-Safe Environment, 1995. Public Policy Leadership Award, Digestive Disease National Coalition, 1996. Living Stream Award, Maryland Save Our Streams, 1996. H. Vernon Eney Endowment Fund Award, Maryland Bar Foundation, 1996. Representative of the Year Award, National Association of Police Organizations, 1998. Arthur W. Machen, Jr., Award, Maryland Legal Services Corporation, 1998. "Deficit Hawk" Honor Roll, Concord Coalition, 1998, 1999. Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Government Service, American Medical Association, 1999. Jacob K. Javits Award, American Psychiatric Association, 1999. National Leadership Award for Service to Children and Families, Casey Family Services, 2000. Congressional Advocate of the Year Award, Child Welfare League of America, 2000, 2005. Named among top "100 people who have influenced the way Americans think about money" by Worth Magazine, 2001. Congressional Leadership Award, American College of Emergency Physicians, 2001. Congressional Champion Coalition for Cancer Research, 2002. Outstanding Leadership Award, American Academy of Gastroenterology, 2003. Congressional Service Award, American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 2003. Public Sector Distinguished Service Award, Tax Foundation,

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2003. Public Service Award, Towson Business Association, 2004. Named in "100 Most Influential People in Finance" by Treasury and Risk Management Magazine, 2004. Congressional Award, Small Business Council of America, 2005. Maryland Leadership in Law Award, Daily Record, 2008. Elizabeth and David Scull Metropolitan Public Service Award, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 2008. Congressional Champion Award, National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems, 2008. Leadership Award, Maryland Affordable Housing Coalition, 2009. Congressional Voice for Children Award, National Parent Teacher Association, 2009. Friend of Farm Bureau Award, Maryland Farm Bureau, 2009. Lifetime Achievement Award, Law and Health Care Program, University of Maryland School of Law, 2009. Anti-Poverty Award, Frederick County Community Action Agency, 2009. Winnie Borden Award, Maryland Volunteer Lawyer Service, 2009. Legislative Leader Award, Humane Society of the United States, 2010. Award, Center for Adoption Support and Education, 2010. Congressional Leadership Award, American College of Physicians, 2010. Lorraine Sheehan Lifetime Achievement Award, Maryland Disability Law Center, 2011. Whitney M. Young, Jr., Award, Greater Baltimore Urban League, 2011. Conservation Champion, Audubon Society, 2011. Bird Conservation Leader of the Year Award, American Bird Conservancy, 2011. Friend of the National Parks Award, National Parks Conservation Association, 2011. Marvin Goldstein Outstanding Volunteer Award, Oral Health America, 2011. Legislative Leader Award, Humane Society and Humane Society Legislative Fund, 2012. Congressional Champion Award, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, 2012. Chesapeake Conservation Hero Award, Chesapeake Conservancy, 2012. Congressional Award, Development District Association of Appalachia, 2012. Confluence Award, National Safe Boating Council, 2012. Congressional Award, Development District Association of Appalachia, 2013. Regional Policy Award, Ecological Society of America, 2015. Legislator of the Year, League of American Bicyclists, 2016. Power 100 List, Daily Record, 2021. John V. Kabler Memorial Award, Maryland League of Conservation Voters, 2024. Married; two children, two grandchildren.

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