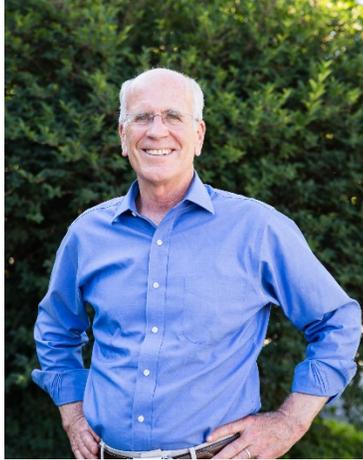


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### **Biography**

Peter Welch was born in Massachusetts and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. As a Robert F. Kennedy Fellow, he fought housing discrimination in Chicago after college and went on to earn a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He was elected to the Vermont Senate in 1980 and became the first Democratic President Pro Tem in Vermont's history. In an era of partisanship and division, Peter is widely recognized in Congress as a skillful legislator who chooses governing over gridlock. He is married to Margaret Cheney and they share a home in Norwich.

### **Policy Statements:**

#### **Rebuilding America's Middle Class**

Peter's top priority in Congress is rebuilding the American middle class and creating good jobs for American workers. Specifically, he is fighting to create jobs by rebuilding America's aging infrastructure; building out high speed internet service in rural Vermont; raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour; closing the gender wage gap; and increasing funding for child care and affordable housing.

#### **Protecting the Planet**

Climate change is an urgent threat to public health and our planet. Peter is fighting for policies that will cut greenhouse gas emissions, including an aggressive renewable energy and energy efficiency standard; increased funding for energy efficiency, and reversing EPA policies that have gutted landmark environmental laws and climate change initiatives.

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### **Making a College Education Affordable**

Higher education is the gateway to the American middle class. Peter is working to make a college degree affordable and reduce the crushing burden of student loan debt. He supports legislation to waive tuition and fees for every community college student, boost student financial aid, restructure student loan debt at substantially lower interest rates, and forgive student loans for graduates employed in public service jobs.

### **Affordable Health Care for Every American**

Peter strongly believes that every American has a right to quality and affordable health care. He is a strong advocate for Medicare for All, importing safe prescription drugs from Canada, and cutting the cost of prescription drugs for seniors by using Medicare's purchasing power to demand a better deal from drug companies

### **Fixing a Broken Congress**

Peter is working across the aisle to fix a broken and divided Congress. He is the co-founder of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus which is advancing reforms that will restore an open and productive legislative process and get the institution back to work for the American people.

### **Holding President Trump Accountable**

Peter strongly believes no American is above the law, especially the President of the United States. In the new Congress, he will serve on the House Oversight Committee and work to hold the President accountable for his actions while reversing his damaging policies.

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