

## **U.S. Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.)**

Shelley Moore Capito was elected by the people of West Virginia to the United States Senate in 2014. She is the first female U.S. senator in West Virginia's history and was elected with the largest margin of victory for a Republican in state history—winning more than 62 percent of the vote and all 55 counties.

After serving West Virginia's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives for 14 years, and as a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates for four years prior, Senator Capito decided to run for Senate to be an even stronger voice for the Mountain State. She also saw an opportunity to restore order to a Senate stuck in gridlock for far too long.

She believes that today's challenges demand bipartisan solutions and cooperation across the aisle to advance legislation that benefits West Virginia and the country as a whole.

Senator Capito serves on the Appropriations Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee; and the Rules and Administration Committee. This committee portfolio puts her in a strong position to create new opportunities in the Mountain State and fight for West Virginia priorities, jobs, and families.

On the Appropriations Committee, Senator Capito brings West Virginia's voice to the table when our nation's spending priorities are determined. She serves as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee's Homeland Security Subcommittee.

On the EPW Committee, the senator advocates for policies that protect vital West Virginia energy and manufacturing jobs and encourage investment in West Virginia's infrastructure. She serves as Chairman of the EPW Committee's Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee.

On the Commerce Committee, Senator Capito promotes rural broadband expansion to better serve states like West Virginia.

She is committed to being accessible and responsive to the people of the Mountain State and regularly travels the state to hear from and meet with West Virginians.

A lifelong West Virginian herself, Senator Capito was born in Glen Dale in the Northern Panhandle. She holds a B.S. in Zoology from Duke University and a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia. She and her husband Charles L. Capito Jr. reside in Charleston. They have three adult children: two sons, Charles (wife Laura) and Moore (wife Katie), and one daughter, Shelley (husband Colin Macleod). They have also been blessed with seven grandchildren: Celia, Charlie, Eliza, Rose, Arch, Macaulay, and Lewis.