

REPRESENTATIVE ABIGAIL SPANBERGER

(D-VA 7th District) since 2019

Primary Date: 6/18/2024

Cook PVI: D+1

Bipartisan Lugar Score 2.02706

(Any score above zero is considered good)



Committees:

U.S. House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

- National Intelligence Enterprise Subcommittee
- Defense Intelligence & Overhead Architecture Subcommittee

U.S. House Agriculture Committee

- *Ranking Member* - Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology Subcommittee
- *Member* - Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry subcommittee

Caucuses: *Member* Problem Solvers Caucus

Coalitions: New Democrat Coalition

Bills Related to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases:

- *Cosponsor* - Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act (H.R. 1684 & S. 627)
- *Sponsor* - Growing Climate Solutions Act H.R.2820
- *Cosponsor* - RECLAIM Act H.R.1733
- *Cosponsor* - BEST Act H.R.2986

Websites: Campaign Website House Website

Overview

Rep. Abigail Spanberger, one of the most bipartisan members of the House of Representatives, is a proactive advocate for addressing climate change. She primarily focuses on helping reduce the climate impact of the agricultural segment, which is responsible for approximately 10% of the United States greenhouse gas emissions.

Prior to her work in the House, Rep. Spanberger was a case officer in the CIA, demonstrating a strong commitment to public service and a focus on creating results instead of demonstrating adherence to partisan talking points. Rep. Spanberger supports a transition from fossil fuel dependence to increased reliance on clean energy sources, rather than promoting an abrupt reconstruction of our energy infrastructure that might reduce reliability or resiliency.

Positions on Energy and Climate

Rep. Spanberger has called climate change "one of the greatest and most imminent threats to our economy, our national security, and our way of life." Her commitment to addressing climate change is widespread - she has promoted a bill that provides tax incentives for small scale battery storage and one to encourage the development of grid-scale energy storage to improve reliability in a new era of intermittent renewables.

She specializes on the "the space where agriculture and climate change come together," sponsoring a bill to assist farmers, ranchers, and private forest landowners in facilitating the development of agriculture or forestry credits and accessing voluntary environmental credit markets and one focused on voluntary farm and ranch conservation practices, massive reforestation, and wetlands restoration.

Importantly, she consistently works in a bipartisan fashion to advance policies that can gather support from many constituencies. She is an active member of the Problem Solvers caucus. In a recent conversation with Rep Brian Fitzpatrick (another member of the BCA slate), she says "It's important to build coalitions and work across the aisle to make good policy... Climate change is a crisis we need to address, but we can't address it as just one party."

Why we support Representative Abigail Spanberger

Climate change will impact all aspects of our economy and our international relations. Rep. Spanberger has created extensive good will across the aisle, and holds important leadership positions in the House Agriculture Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Her knowledge of how climate change impacts agriculture and her dedication to addressing the issues that climate change creates for farmers and producers will be critical elements of an effective comprehensive climate plan. Her concentration on national security will pay dividends as climate change impacts our allies and all other nations. Finally, her natural inclination to work with both Democrats and Republicans will speed the passage of significant and enduring legislation.