

Steve Irwin is running for Congress in Pennsylvania's new 12th Congressional District. His experience as a lawyer, a government servant, a leader in the non-profit community, along with his personal experiences, have enabled him to become acutely familiar with a health care system that he believes remains broken in many ways. Steve is committed to building on this experience to fix these shortcomings should he be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives.

As an attorney, Steve has served as Counsel to the Healthcare Council of Western Pennsylvania, and its predecessor, Hospital Council, for a quarter century. In this role he helped guide the organization and its group purchasing arm on governance, operations and advocacy. In his law practice he has advised hospital clients on credentialing, ADA compliance, physician contracts, and other aspects of the employment relationship. Steve also was a member of the legal team that successfully held pharmaceutical companies to account for concealing findings on bioequivalency of generic and proprietary drugs to improperly realize a premium on these prescriptions.

As Pennsylvania Securities Commissioner, under Governors Rendell and Corbett, and a director of the Investor Protection Trust, Steve was a leader in developing the Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation program, which educated adult protective services, doctors and nurses, and financial advisors to recognize mild cognitive impairment in their patients and clients and prevent vulnerable seniors from falling victim to scams and abuse.

As the Co-Chair of the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative and a member of the Executive Committee of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Steve helped advance a multiplicity of projects addressing perinatal mortality, AIDS, midwifery, women's health, teen mental health, health careers, and other programs aimed at improving relative outcomes from the nation's investment in health care. He played a significant role in helping to lay the groundwork for a National Patient Safety Board, which envisions a landscape without avoidable medical error, the third highest cause of death.

Steve has extensive experience as a patient and the father of a physician with a masters in public health. If given the privilege of going to Washington, D.C., Steve will work to achieve universal comprehensive coverage, affordable prescription drugs, widespread availability of mental health support and treatment, elimination of avoidable medical error, and community programs that enable seniors to remain in their homes with safe, economical and trained in-home support.