

Charles Whalen for Congress – It's OUR House!



- Ontario County resident (moved to Geneva from Steuben County in 1990)
- Economist (30-year career focusing on employment issues, economic policy, and regional development)
- Graduate of Cornell University (BS) & University of Texas (PhD)
- Policy and political experience includes preparation and delivery of congressional testimony (multiple times since 1995), Kerry-Edwards workforce development policy team (and NH field staff), and issues director for Doug Call for Congress (1992)

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Charles has devoted his career to standing up for working people, retirees, and their families. The son of a machinist dad—who worked a factory night shift and a second job mopping floors—and a first-generation Italian-American mom, standing up for working people reflects where he comes from. Charles worked his way through Cornell—the first in his family to attend college.

Practical

Charles's career has taken him into factories and across Western New York, working with companies, workers, and community leaders, to save jobs and create new ones. He's also forged business and labor partnerships to boost regional development in seven counties. He took practical action, with projects ranging from worker education and training to securing hydropower for companies looking to expand, and earned an international award for a career promoting labor-management harmony. Most recently, Charles served in the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, dealing with the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

Experience

Charles knows from experience that families across the district want the same things: good jobs, affordable healthcare, a secure and dignified retirement, and a promising future for our children, which requires solid education, economic opportunity, and a clean environment. But Congress doesn't deliver—because its Republicans answer only to chauffeur-driven elites.

Advancing Our Common Interests

There's much to do—and undo—after repealing and replacing Tom Reed. For example, we need to spur job growth in the 23rd district. That will take a national economic strategy and regional partnerships aimed at emerging technologies and global environmental challenges. We also need to fix the mess Republicans have made of our tax and healthcare systems. Congress is our House—and Charles is a leader that will advance our common interests.

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