

Profile



Mike Regan

31ST DISTRICT

Cumberland and York Counties

A fiscal conservative with a track record of fighting crime and protecting families, Mike Regan was elected to the Pennsylvania Senate in November 2016. He also served two productive terms in the state House of Representatives, after compiling more than two decades of law enforcement and public safety experience, which continues to inspire his legislative successes, constituent outreach and community service.

He currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Senate Local Government Committee and as a member of the Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure Committee; Judiciary Committee; Law & Justice Committee; and Rules & Executive Nominations Committee.

Born and raised in central Pennsylvania, Mike served as a member of the U.S. Marshals Service within the U.S. Department of Justice, beginning in 1988. He began his career as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Southern District of Florida. In 1990, he returned to the Commonwealth as a Deputy U.S. Marshal in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and ascended to the post of Fugitive Task Force Commander in 1995.

In 2002, President George W. Bush nominated Mike to become the U.S. Marshal for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. He was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and served capably until his retirement in 2011, after 23 years of service. His extraordinary crime-fighting efforts led to his selection for the prestigious Public Service Excellence Award from the City of Harrisburg, and the U.S. Marshals Distinguished Service Medal.

Following his retirement, Mike was named Deputy Inspector General of Pennsylvania, where he directed efforts to prevent, investigate and eradicate waste, fraud and abuse in state agencies and the Department of Public Welfare (now the Department of Human Services).

Elected to the state House of Representatives in 2012, Mike took on issues like sanctuary cities, medical cannabis, welfare reform, liquor privatization, school funding equity, local tax reform, the opioid epidemic and veterans' issues.

In his first term in the House, Mike authored legislation to strengthen the penalties for unlawfully luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure, which was passed unanimously in both chambers and signed into law as Act 116 of 2013. He also authored Act 7 of 2016, which reformed horse racing and gaming laws and protected historical distilleries.

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During his first two years in the Senate, Mike has been a leader on strengthening school security and protecting taxpayers.

Following the tragic school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Mike was asked by Senate Leadership to spearhead the Senate's School Safety Task Force. After months of traveling across the state and hearing from members of law enforcement, emergency responders, superintendents, teachers and students, Mike helped to author a comprehensive bill that created multiple programs to improve school safety and security as well as provided a massive increase in school safety funding. Act 44 of 2018 allows for assessments, planning, training, and equipping our schools with the resources they need to ensure our children are safe. The act also includes a total of \$60 million in new school safety grant funding.

Mike introduced comprehensive welfare reform legislation that became Act 125 of 2018. Act 125 addresses the most egregious abuses of our welfare system and enhances the law to protect the eligibility of our society's most vulnerable and needy. This legislation addresses the eligibility of high-level felony drug dealers and non-compliant sex offenders and places controls on how and where EBT cards can be used, preventing the use of the cards at casinos and adult entertainment venues.

Mike graduated from Cedar Cliff High School and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Albright College.

Mike and his wife, Fran, are raising their four children in Carroll Township, in the Northern York School District. Over the years, Mike has inspired children as a wrestling and football coach and a Dillsburg-area soccer coach.

The 31st District includes parts of Cumberland and York Counties.