

Growing up in a working-class family in Lowell, Massachusetts, Lori Trahan experienced firsthand the principles of sacrifice, hard work, and grit. Her father was a union ironworker, and her mother, a domestic worker, juggled several part-time jobs while raising Lori and her three sisters.

The first in her family to graduate college, Lori earned a scholarship to play Division 1 volleyball at Georgetown University. Her four years as an NCAA athlete were rewarding yet challenging; what she would later highlight in Congress as the organization's exploitative business model, she herself experienced, struggling to make ends meet because she was not allowed to earn additional income from endorsements or interviews. Like many, Lori was introduced to public service as a college student in Washington D.C. After completing her Bachelor's in Comparative and Regional Studies in International Relations, she joined former Congressman Marty Meehan's staff as a scheduler, eventually working her way up to Chief of Staff. She deeply enjoyed working to serve the people of Massachusetts, and was inspired by Congressman Meehan's leadership and resilience; however, with Newt Gingrich as the Speaker of the House, she witnessed firsthand increasing partisanship that served wealthy special interests instead of the people.

Sickened by the deep polarization taking hold of Washington, Lori moved to the private sector as the only female executive at a tech company. Her passion for bringing women into leadership positions led her to be a cofounder of Concire, a women owned and operated consulting firm. In her years spent at Concire, she advised various companies on business strategy and how to create the ideal conditions for employees – especially women – to thrive.

Lori successfully ran for Congress in 2018, motivated to return to public service after seeing the detrimental gridlock and lack of accountability from the Trump administration. Sworn in alongside a historically diverse class of new members, Lori immediately got to work for the Third District: she enacted legislation adding the Nashua River to the National Wild and Scenic River System to protect the river for generations to come; she secured over \$30 million in funding increases for Massachusetts-based businesses that develop defense materials to keep servicemembers safe; and she established a Veterans Advisory Council to ensure our veterans receive the highest degree of attention and expertise.

In her first term, she served on the House Committee on Education and Labor, as well as the House Armed Services Committee. Her work serving the people of Massachusetts started close to home. She introduced the Leonel Rondon Pipeline Safety Act in response to the tragic Merrimack Valley gas explosions that claimed the life of 18-year old Leonel Rondon and injured many more. This act, signed into law on December 28, 2020, puts in place measures that will prevent another such disaster.

One of Lori's first priorities was to address the devastating opioid epidemic ravaging our nation. She introduced the MATE (Medication Access and Training Expansion) Act, which standardizes addiction training and equips medical professionals with the tools necessary to prevent, identify, treat, and manage patients with opioid and other substance use disorders. With the added detriment of the COVID-19 pandemic, Lori believes that mental health and substance use disorder must be kept at the forefront of the federal response to COVID-19.

Now, serving as a member of the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Lori is determined to advocate for Bay State residents on pressing issues, including making healthcare more affordable, addressing climate change, protecting kids online, and fighting disinformation

in our media. To further her ability to weigh in on these issues on behalf of the hardworking families she represents, Lori secured appointments to the Subcommittees on Health, Consumer Protection and Commerce, and Oversight and Investigations.

In March 2020, the world jolted to a halt with the coronavirus pandemic. Lori rolled up her sleeves to deliver essential support to families, frontline workers, small businesses, and students. She introduced the Pandemic Production Act, which aims to end the United States' dependence on a foreign supply chain of essential PPE and ensures our health care workers have the equipment they need to do their jobs safely. Additionally, Lori secured federal funding for Community Health Centers and Community Action Agencies across the Third District working to provide critical services to low-income and traditionally underserved families. As communities and businesses in the Third District work to get on the path to recovery, Lori is committed to seeing that they cross the finish line and get back on their feet - and do so stronger than before.