

# Luke Messer

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### Biography

Raised by a single mom in Greensburg, Indiana, Luke Messer is a proven leader who understands the American dream because he has lived it. Today, he is working in Congress to protect that dream for his family and yours.

Luke is currently serving his second term in the United States House of Representatives as he represents Indiana's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional district, which includes 19 counties in east central and southeast Indiana.

In 2014, Luke was elected by his peers to serve as the Chairman of the House Republican Policy Committee. He also serves on the House Financial Services Committee and the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

In his first term in Congress, Luke was elected Freshman Class President, passed two bills in the House to increase accountability and transparency in government, and founded the Congressional School Choice Caucus with the goal of expanding quality educational opportunities for every child.

Luke has long been a leader in education reform. Prior to serving in Congress, as President and CEO of Hoosiers for Economic Growth and School Choice Indiana, Luke spearheaded an effort that expanded education options for tens of thousands of Hoosier children. When he served in the Indiana General Assembly, Luke passed legislation to reform the high school drop-out requirements, which has resulted in a more than 15 percent increase in Indiana's graduation rate.

As an Indiana State Representative, Luke served on the House leadership team and the Indiana House Ways & Means Committee where he helped Governor Mitch Daniels craft the state's first honestly balanced budget in eight years that, without a tax increase, turned a \$600 million deficit into a \$300 million surplus in a single year.

As Executive Director and chief spokesman of the Indiana Republican Party, Luke played a key role in the election of Governor Mitch Daniels and historic Republican victories from 2001 to 2005.

Luke graduated summa cum laude & Phi Beta Kappa from Wabash College and earned his law degree from Vanderbilt University where he served on the Law Review.

Luke and his wife Jennifer have two daughters, Ava and Emma, and one son, Hudson. A proud sixth generation Hoosier, Luke authored a children's book about Indiana entitled Hoosier Heart that his wife Jennifer illustrated.



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