

**Monitoring Congressman Patrick Meehan**  
**7<sup>th</sup> District of PA**  
**Tuesday 2 Jan 2018 Edition**

**KEY POINTS 12/17 – 1/2**

- **TAX BILL:** Rep. Meehan voted YES on HR1, the GOP tax bill. Says it is about putting money in the pockets of the middle class. Also about job creation. Says it's a "good deal for working families across Pennsylvania". He issued a press release, Tweeted, and posted on FaceBook about it. Meanwhile, the DCCC launched ad's targeting Meehan's YES vote. Meehan also was called out as having received lots of special interest campaign money that opponents suggest influenced votes.
- **CHIP:** Meehan voted YES on the temporary spending bill which included a few more months of money for CHIP. He Tweeted about the CHIP piece. And he included a video on his Facebook post about it, speaking up in support of CHIP.
- **ENVIRONMENT - PIPELINE:** Meehan got press on his letter to Wolf. Other legislators spoke up too. In the last couple days work on Sunoco's Mariner East 2 Pipeline was halted by the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection. Meehan's role was important to him, as he Tweeted, FaceBooked and issued a press release highlighting his efforts.
- **LEGISLATION:**
  - **TAX BILL:** Biggest deal vote that happened this cycle. Meehan YES vote.
  - **STOPGAP SPENDING BILL:** Best Congress could do was fund the government through January 19<sup>th</sup>. Meehan YES vote. This is the bill that included the temporary additional CHIP funding.
  - **NON-CONTROVERSIAL BILLS:** Bunch of non-controversial bills and resolutions passed. Check the list below.
  - **FINANCIAL REGULATION:** Meehan voted YES on a bill that changed how "systemically important" institutions would get that label.
- **DACA:** While Meehan signed the letter to House leadership asking for action on this to be addressed in December, leadership ignored him and the letter.
- **ELECTION 2018:**
  - **DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGERS:** Sen. Leach under fire for accusations of inappropriate behavior. Stepped back from D7 campaign but hasn't formally announced he's out. Lots of media coverage on this.
  - **MEEHAN'S CAMPAIGN:** Meehan says he plans to run on the economy and as a job creator. Some political analysts say the 2018 election will simply be a referendum on Trump. Recent poll says voters care more about Healthcare, then Terrorism, and then Economy.
- **TRUMPER OR MODERATE?:** Fivethirtyeight Trump score up to 88.1%. Overall voting record at 88.5% with party.

**Meehan In The News 12/17 – 1/2**

**Award from CAHC – Health Care**

**Rep. Kurt Schrader Named 'Affordability Champion'**

- Pamplin Media Group, 12/14/2017
- **Council for Affordable Health Coverage** is a coalition of employers, insurers, and others that gives annual awards to members of Congress for their work to contain health care costs.

**Meehan was one of a handful of Congressional members who received the Affordability Champion Award this year.**

- SourceWatch describes the CAHC as a pro-business group that is largely opposed to the ACA and esp. the individual mandate.
- <https://pamplinmedia.com/wbi/152-news/381077-268815-rep-kurt-schrader-named-affordability-champion>

## **DACA – Immigration**

### **Penn State President Joins Other Big Ten Leaders in Call for Action on DACA; Five Pa. Congressmen Also Call Separately for a Permanent Solution**

- Penn State News, 12/15/17
- Article mostly about how President of Penn State Eric J. Barron has joined all other **Big Ten university leaders to call for DACA permanent solution. But also highlights how 5 PA congress people were among 34 Republicans who called for a solution recently too.**
- The university leaders apparently wrote a letter to House and Senate leaders this week urging them to take action on DACA. The university leaders highlight the troubling stories they are hearing from their campuses. Talks about how the young people being impacted.
- Lists **Meehan as one of the 34 Republicans who signed the letter asking Ryan to hold a vote in December on DACA.**
- <http://news.psu.edu/story/498631/2017/12/15/administration/penn-state-president-joins-other-big-ten-leaders-call-action>

## **Democratic Candidates – Election 2018**

### **Pennsylvania Democratic Candidate Accused of Inappropriate Conduct**

- Bridget Bowman, 12/17/17, RollCall
- Candidate Daylin Leach, vying for a chance to unseat Meehan, has been accused of inappropriate behavior by former staffers. Unclear if Leach plans to stay in the race.
- Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has been taking a zero tolerance policy towards candidates accused of sexual harassment.
- Observes that Leach had raised the most money so far, over \$403,000, while next closest is Dan Muroff, with over \$306,000.
- <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/daylin-leach-inappropriate-comments-touching>

### **Wolf: Sen. Daylin Leach Should Resign Over Misconduct Allegations**

- Staff, Times Herald, 12/17/17
- Wolf called for Leach to resign. Delaware County Democratic Party Chairman David Landau urged Leach to suspend his Congressional campaign. Drew McGinty, another candidate running to unseat Meehan, also called for Leach to resign and exit D7 race.
- I'm not going to cover the details of the allegations nor the details of responses here, since my focus is on Meehan, not his opponents, at this point.
- <http://www.timesherald.com/general-news/20171217/wolf-sen-daylin-leach-should-resign-over-misconduct-allegations>

### **Sen. Daylin Leach: 'I Am Taking a Step Back' From Congressional Campaign Amid Misconduct Allegations**

- Angela Coulombis and David Gambacorta, 12/18/17, Philly.com
- Leach announced "taking a step back" from D7 campaign. Unclear if abandoning or suspending bid to challenge Meehan, or just taking time to determine path forward.

- Leach not planning to resign from state Senate.
- There seem to be innuendos that the controversy against Leach has been stirred up by another candidate for the D7 ticket. Again, I don't want to go into the opponents of Meehan so much here. Sorry.
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/state/daylin-leach-congressional-campaign-step-back-after-misconduct-allegations-20171218.html>

### **Leach Steps Back From Congressional Bid After He's Accused of Inappropriate Behavior**

- Dave Davies, 12/18/17, WHYY
- Same info as above article. But DCCC chairman Landau observes that even if the allegations are untrue, suggests that every time Leach's name comes up in future, it would be associated with the inappropriate sexual conduct and that would be problematic.
- <https://whyy.org/segments/leach-steps-back-congressional-bid-hes-accused-inappropriate-behavior/>

### **Trib Editorial: Leach Accusations Roil 2018 Elections**

- Editorial, Tribune Review, 12/19/17
- Observes the accusations against Leach. Implies more accusations to come against others in Harrisburg. Impact/issue for 2018 campaign trail.
- <http://triblive.com/opinion/editorials/13088177-74/trib-editorial-leach-accusations-roil-2018-elections>

### **As Republicans Aim to Ride Economy to Election Victory, a Warning From Voters in Key District**

- Tim Reid, Howard Schneider, 12/22/17, Reuters
- Authors listened to 4 Democratic challengers to Meehan give speeches in the Fox & Hound sports bar as they campaign to unseat Meehan. Authors suggest **winning D7 is key to Democrats' hopes to get the 24 seats they need in the House to regain overall control.**
- Authors **suggest that the strong economy should be great for incumbent Republicans (like Meehan).** They interviewed 24 voters in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> districts, some Republican and some Democrat. Half voted for Meehan but most were unsure if they would vote for him again in 2018. Disappointed with Republican party's handling of healthcare and tax reform, plus Trump's "erratic performance".
- **Meehan did a phone interview with the authors. Is reportedly confident the strong economy will help him in 2018. Says he plans to run as a job creator and champion of the middle class.**
- **Meehan said: "The first thing people look at is whether they have got a job and income".**
- Kyle Kondik, a political analyst from UVA's Center for Politics, said the 2018 election will be a referendum on Trump. The economy might help Republicans, he says, but **believes issues like the tax plan (seen to favor rich over middle class) and ACA dismantling will be bigger issues for voters.**
- **Reuters/Ipsos poll earlier in December said Healthcare is America's #1 issue, then terrorism, then the economy.**
- Some anecdotal comments from folks, interesting.
- Authors say in D7, median household income rose 10% from 2014 to 2016, from \$78,000 to \$86,000 (over national average of 7.3%).
- <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-politics-economy/as-republicans-aim-to-ride-economy-to-election-victory-a-warning-from-voters-in-key-district-idUSKBN1EG14J>

## **GOP Tax Plan – Taxes**

### **Tax Plan a Dilemma for Local Reps**

- Dave Davies, 12/18/17, WHYY
- Author observes that prior to congressional vote local reps trying to decide how they will vote. **Meehan and other PA reps (Costello, Fitzpatrick) voted for House proposal.** The tax plan reduces deductions for state and local taxes but provides other tax breaks, like a big increase in standard deduction, doubling child tax credit, and lower individual rates. Most of these individual tax breaks expire in 2025 while corporate tax cuts are permanent.
- The author says **Franklin & Marshall political scientist Terry Madonna says the tax plan leaves Pa suburb republicans in a bind. Madonna says “The stakes are extraordinarily high. If it ultimately passes and they vote for it, and over the course of the next year reports are negative about it, it could be a serious political problem for them.”**
- <https://whyy.org/articles/republicans-congress-mull-revised-tax-bill-one-already-saying-no/>

### **Clergy to GOP Reps: Vote No on Tax Bill**

- Rick Kauffman, 12/18/17, Delaware County Daily Times
- **Faith-based leaders went to offices of Meehan, Fitzpatrick and Costello to ask them to vote NO on tax bill. They said they oppose the tax bill because it gives massive tax cuts to the wealthy while leaving behind the poor. “This bill fails a basic moral test” they said.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/general-news/20171218/clergy-to-gop-reps-vote-no-on-tax-bill>

### **Lloyd Smucker, Pat Meehan Vote for Finalized Tax Reform Plan**

- Sam Janesch, 12/19/17, LancasterOnline
- Meehan and Smucker voted YES on bill. 12 other Republican House members voted NO.
- [http://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/lloyd-smucker-pat-meehan-vote-for-finalized-tax-reform-plan/article\\_81cdc0ce-e502-11e7-a83d-43bddea6b8f2.html](http://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/lloyd-smucker-pat-meehan-vote-for-finalized-tax-reform-plan/article_81cdc0ce-e502-11e7-a83d-43bddea6b8f2.html)

### **Costello, Meehan Vote in Favor of Massive Tax Cut Package**

- Rick Kauffman, 12/19/17, Pottstown Mercury News
- **House had to vote a second time to pass the tax bill due to some problems with the Senate rules.**
- **Meehan voted yes on the bill.**
- Meehan said: **“This legislation doesn’t just mean more money in the pockets of middle class families. It means more jobs, too. It’s the most significant revamp of our broken business tax code in decades, and it will bring thousands of jobs back to our shores from overseas.”**
- Brady observes **the bill will raise taxes on 86 million middle class households, robs Medicare and Medicaid, and gives a major tax cut to the rich and corporations.**
- **The bill also eliminated the ACA individual mandate. The CBO says that 13 million would likely go uninsured by 2027.**
- Meehan said: **“Our tax code today is broken. Pennsylvania taxpayers spend too much time and money each year struggling to comply with a tax code that doesn’t work for them. Taxpayers will be able to decide how to spend more of what they earn instead of sending it to Washington. Their tax bill will be lower and for many, paying it will be far simpler. It’s a good deal for working families across Pennsylvania.”**
- <http://www.pottsmmerc.com/article/MP/20171219/NEWS/171219736>

### **Rep. Costello Votes ‘Yes’ On GOP Tax Plan**

- Justin Heinze, 12/19/17, Patch.com
- Another article just pointing out that Costello and Meehan supported the bill.
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/phoenixville/rep-costello-votes-yes-gop-tax-plan>

### **Costello, Meehan Say Their Vote Will Protect Medicare, Social Security Cuts**

- Staff, 12/22/17, Times Herald
- **Meehan and Costello voted for stopgap spending bill they say will prevent the just-passed tax bill from automatically triggering cuts to Medicare and Social Security.**
- **The spending bill also provides money for CHIP, although the program still needs a permanent funding solution. The temporary funding should help PA's 177,000 children insured by CHIP to continue to receive coverage for a few months.**
- **The House Ways and Means Committee released an analysis of the Tax Cuts and American Jobs Act which says that in D7, a family of four earning \$120,000 would see their taxes decrease by \$4800.**
- <http://www.timesherald.com/article/JR/20171222/NEWS/171229932>

### **Editorial: Tax Plan Approval Will Play Out At Polls**

- Editorial, 12/23/17, Daily Local News
- **Observes that Republicans got their wish of tax reform, and now they will have to run on it for 2018.**
- **Authors believe that the Republican tax plan does not help the middle class. There are small tax cuts for middle and low income earners, but much smaller than the 1%-ers get.**
- Otherwise info here is similar to other places.
- <http://www.dailylocal.com/article/DL/20171223/NEWS/171229907>

## **DCCC Ads – Election 2018**

### **DCCC Launches Holiday Themed Digital Ad on Tax Reform Right After Tax Vote**

- Paul Engelkemier, 12/19/17, PoliticsPA
- **Ads targeting Meehan, Costello, and Fitzpatrick over Republican tax vote. Holiday theme with Republicans “stuffing the stockings” of corporations and leaving the middle class “a lump of coal”.**
- DCCC spokesman Evan Lukaske says that House Republican’s Merry Christmas is only for millionaires, billionaires and large corporations.
- **Polling released by DCCC says voters trust Democrats more on tax reform than Republicans, by 55-44 margin.**
- **NRCC responded by spokesman Chris Martin saying: “Republicans are delivering on our promise that Pennsylvanians will wake up next year with more of their hard-earned money in their pockets. If Democrats think it’s a winning message to tell people their money would be put to better use in the hands of Washington bureaucrats and special interests, they’re destined for yet another crushing defeat.”**
- <http://www.politicspa.com/dccc-launches-holiday-themed-digital-ad-on-tax-reform-right-after-tax-vote/85819/>

## **Pay To Play – Election 2018**

### **Trump is Wallowing in the Pay For Play Swamp**

- Tiffany Muller, 12/21/17, Newsweek

- Author (**President of End Citizens United**) rails against the impact of special interest money on members of Congress and their votes.
- **Calls out Meehan by name as example of one of 20 members of Congress who benefited from a total of \$11.7 million from special interests who wanted lower taxes. Meehan and the others then voted for the tax reform bill.**
- Other examples listed of various members of Congress having their votes apparently impacted by funding from groups like the NRA, pharmaceutical companies, etc.
- <http://www.newsweek.com/trump-wallowing-pay-play-swamp-750736>

## Constituent Comments – Environment

### Sound Off for Monday Dec.18

- Reader Comments, 12/17/17, Delaware County Daily Times
- One is: “Well, I see that turncoat Pat Meehan is in the paper again. Now he finally wants to do something for the environment. He sees is running for his job next year, now all of a sudden he wants to check out the pipeline. Where is he been for the last few years of people asking him to help? WAKE UP, MEEHAN”
- Second is: “An article in the Times noted that Pat Meehan I calling for a pipeline risk assessment study for the Mariner East 2 pipeline. Apparently he’s trying to take attention away from the fact that he has continually voted for the horrible, horrible tax plan being shoved down his constituents’ throats over their objections.”
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/article/DC/20171217/NEWS/171219716>

## Sunoco’s Mariner East 2 Pipeline – Environment

### The Heron’s Nest: Will Wolf Listen to Shale-lelujah Chorus? #MeToo Day of Reckoning in Harrisburg; RIP, Dick Enberg

- Phil Heron, 12/22/17, Delaware County Daily Times
- Lists **Meehan as one of the voices calling for halt to construction of Sunoco’s Mariner East 2 Pipeline plan until new safety assessments are performed.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20171222/the-herons-nest-will-wolf-listen-to-shale-lelujah-chorus-metoo-day-of-reckoning-in-harrisburg-rip-dick-enberg>

\*\*\* There were actually a few more articles about Meehan and others calling for Wolf to address the Sunoco pipeline work, but in the interest of time, I’m not summarizing them here. I think you get the idea from Meehan’s letter to Wolf, covered earlier, and the additional voices agreeing, and then in the Jan 3 news about the halt to construction. Since I’m trying to have this summary cover through 1/2/18, I’m sure there will be more news articles on the subject in the next Meehan summary. \*\*\*

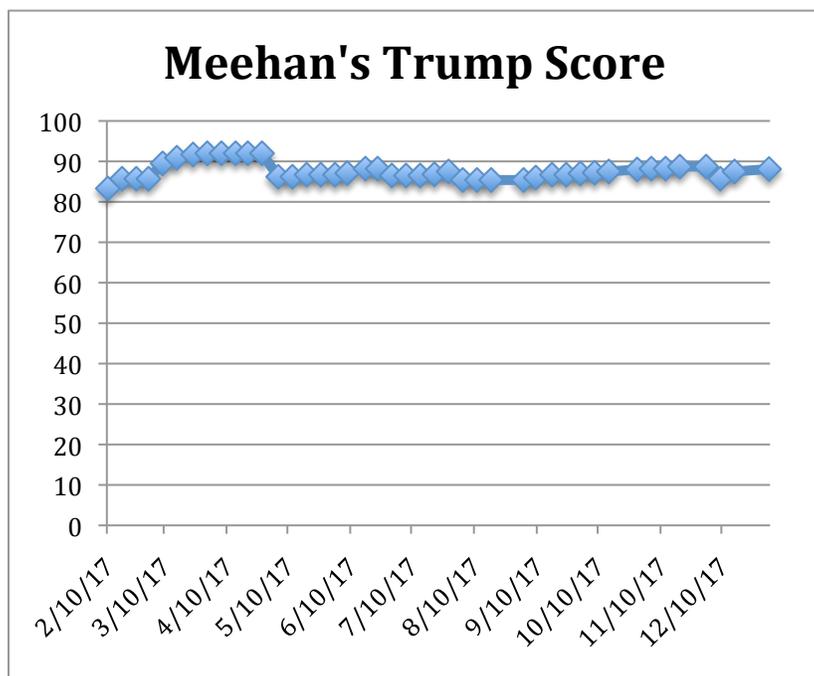
## Hazing – Legislation

### Grand Jury Report on Excessive Drinking at Penn State Must Be Taken Seriously and Should Lead to Lasting Change

- LNP Editorial Board, 12/19/17, LancasterOnline
- Article all about the grand jury report conducted after the fraternity pledge’s death last year. **Meehan comes up only at the end, where it was pointed out that Meehan and Rep. Fudge introduced legislation that would require universities to release statistics on hazing incidents via the Clery Act.**
- [http://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/grand-jury-report-on-excessive-drinking-at-penn-state-must/article\\_e00c6b5c-e432-11e7-944f-87f10eac1d22.html](http://lancasteronline.com/opinion/editorials/grand-jury-report-on-excessive-drinking-at-penn-state-must/article_e00c6b5c-e432-11e7-944f-87f10eac1d22.html)

## Meehan General Floor Votes 12/17 – 1/2

Five Thirty-Eight's Trump Score for Meehan as of 1/2/18 = 88.1%  
Meehan's votes against party score (per pro publica) = 11.5%



From GovTrack, supplemented by house.gov and Countable info...(remember, reverse chronological order)

### S. 1532: No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act

House Vote #710

Dec 21, 2017 5:11 p.m.

Passed 393/0 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass in the House

GovTrack says: "A bill to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life an individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in committing a felony involving human trafficking."

### H.R. 4667: Making further supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, for disaster assistance for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and calendar year 2017 wildfires, and for other purposes.

House Vote #709

Dec 21, 2017 5:01 p.m.

Passed 251/169 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

Countable says: "This bill would provide a total of \$81 billion in emergency spending for programs and activities to respond to recent hurricanes, wildfires, and other designated disasters.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would receive \$27.6 billion for disaster response and recovery efforts. Up to \$4 billion in funding could be transferred to the Disaster

Assistance Direct Loan Program Account for Community Disaster Loans. The federal cost share for disasters declared in 2017 for wildfires would be up to 90 percent.

A total of \$26.1 billion would be provided for the Community Development Block Grants-Disaster Recovery program (CDBG-DR) for housing, business, infrastructure, and mitigation needs for communities affected by disaster in 2017 and prior years. Of this, \$13.6 billion in grants would go to states, tribes, and territories for recovery efforts which grants flexibility to suit local needs. The remaining \$12.5 billion would be set aside for mitigation projects to help communities protect against future natural disasters and to protect the taxpayer from recurring costs of rebuilding after storms.

The Army Corps of Engineers would receive \$12.1 billion for repairs needed due to natural disasters and to expedite studies and projects aimed at reducing damages in future disasters in areas recently affected by hurricanes. This includes:

- \$10.5 billion in repairs to ongoing construction projects, and to expedite projects that will help mitigate future disaster damage;
- \$608 million for operation and maintenance to repair damages, such as dredging of navigation channels;
- \$537 million for flood control and coastal emergencies to repair damages;
- \$370 million to repair damages along the Mississippi River and its tributaries.

The Dept. of Agriculture would receive \$3.8 billion in assistance for disaster recovery from hurricanes, wildfires, and crop loss. Of this, \$2.6 billion would be for disaster assistance, such as crop and livestock losses.

A total of \$2.9 billion would be provided for hurricane education recovery to help restart operations in schools in affected areas, along with rebuilding, refurbishing, and replacing educational materials. This funding will also provide support to states and localities that accommodate displaced students from K-12, college and technical schools from affected areas.

The Small Business Administration's (SBA) disaster loan program would receive \$1.6 billion, which would allow it to make up to \$12.2 billion in disaster loans to small businesses and homeowners in all affected areas for recovery and rebuilding.

A total of \$1.5 billion would be provided to repair military facilities and repair or replace equipment damaged. Another \$1.4 billion would go to addressing all damages to federal highways caused by designated disasters which would be provided to states and localities."

### [H.R. 1370: Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Authorization Act of 2017](#)

House Vote #708

Dec 21, 2017 4:53 p.m.

Passed 231/188 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

Concurring in the Senate Amendment in the House

*This bill was the vehicle for passage of legislation to avert a government shutdown. The final legislation included \* the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018, which funds the government through January 19, 2018 \* funding for a missile defense system \* funding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) through ...*

Countable says: “**(Updated 12/21/17)**: This bill has been amended from its original form to serve as the legislative vehicle for a continuing resolution to fund the government through January 19, 2018 at current levels; create a special rule allowing funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Community Health Centers programs from the second quarter of fiscal year 2018 to be redistributed to states experiencing an emergency shortfall on a prorated basis; and reauthorize surveillance activities under Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) through January 19, 2018. Originally, the bill required the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue agency-wide guidelines as part of the Dept. of Homeland Security Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking, which passed both chambers of Congress on voice votes. Subsequent versions included a continuing resolution plus a five-year reauthorization of CHIP, \$81 billion in disaster relief, and defense spending for the entirety of 2018 but those provisions were removed, with the [disaster relief bill](#) getting a standalone vote . Details on the current bill can be found below.

### **Continuing Resolution**

This section of the bill would extend funding for all federal programs through January 19, 2018 at current levels except for defense and some public health programs which are funded separately below. The government is currently funded through Friday December 22, 2017.”

#### On Approving the Journal

House Vote #707

Dec 21, 2017 2:26 p.m.

Passed 225/187 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

#### S. 1393: Jobs for Our Heroes Act

House Vote #706

Dec 21, 2017 2:19 p.m.

Passed 418/0 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass in the House

Countable says: “(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The expanded summary of the Senate reported version is repeated here.) Jobs for Our Heroes Act (Sec. 2) This bill amends the Fast Act to require the medical professional who may perform a medical examination and provide a medical certificate for purposes of compliance with requirements for operation by a veteran of a commercial motor vehicle to be a "qualified examiner" who: is employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs as an advanced practice nurse, doctor of chiropractic, doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant, or other medical professional; and is licensed, certified, or registered in a state to perform physical examinations. (Sec. 3) The bill applies commercial driver's license standards for former members of the Armed Forces or reserves to current members of the Armed Forces or reserves. The bill allows such covered individuals who have experience in driving vehicles similar to a commercial motor vehicle while serving in the Armed Forces or reserves to apply for an exemption from all or a portion of federal commercial motor vehicle driving test requirements.”

H.Res. 670: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R.1370) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to issue Department of Homeland Security-wide guidance and develop training pr

House Vote #705  
Dec 21, 2017 2:10 p.m.  
Passed 228/188 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**  
On the Resolution in the House

On Ordering the Previous Question: H.Res. 670: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R.1370) to amend ...

House Vote #704  
Dec 21, 2017 2:02 p.m.  
Passed 232/188 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Approving the Journal

House Vote #703  
Dec 20, 2017 6:53 p.m.  
Passed 217/194 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

H.R. 4015: Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017

House Vote #702  
Dec 20, 2017 6:47 p.m.  
Passed 238/182 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

*H.R. 4015 enhances transparency in the shareholder proxy systems by requiring proxy advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), disclose potential conflicts of interest and codes of ethics, and make publicly available their methodologies for formulating proxy recommendation and analyses. Each year, public companies hold shareholder ...*

Countable says: “This bill would require proxy advisory firms to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and subject them to certain rules and reporting requirements. Publicly traded companies are required to issue proxy statements to shareholders before voting on corporate actions — like electing company directors and approving compensation packages. Proxy advisory firms advise a variety of clients like pension plans, mutual funds, and other institutional investors which can influence their advice, so this bill would require such firms to disclose potential or actual conflicts of interest when providing services.

Proxy advisory firms would be required to disclose information about their financial and managerial resources to the SEC in addition to disclosing conflicts of interest to current or prospective clients.

The SEC would be required to report annually to Congress on its regulation of proxy advisory firms.”

On Motion to Recommit with Instructions: H.R. 4015: Corporate Governance Reform and Transparency Act of 2017

House Vote #701  
Dec 20, 2017 6:37 p.m.  
Failed 189/231 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

H.R. 1159: United States and Israel Space Cooperation Act

House Vote #700

Dec 20, 2017 1:02 p.m.

Passed 411/0 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

Countable says: "United States and Israel Space Cooperation Act This bill directs the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to continue to work with the Israel Space Agency in identifying and cooperatively pursuing peaceful space exploration and science initiatives in areas of mutual interest."

### H.R. 1: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

House Vote #699

Dec 20, 2017 12:55 p.m.

Passed 224/201 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

Concurring in the Senate Amendment in the House

## Update \#4 --- Dec. 17, 2017 House and Senate Republicans have come to an agreement on the tax bill, H.R. 1, which they intend to pass before Congress goes on recess on the 22nd. Senate Democrats want the final vote to be delayed until Senator-elect Doug Jones (D-AL) has ...

[see Countable summary at Vote #692]

### H.Res. 668: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

House Vote #698

Dec 20, 2017 11:51 a.m.

Passed 232/190 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On the Resolution in the House

### On Ordering the Previous Question: H.Res. 668: Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1) to ...

House Vote #697

Dec 20, 2017 11:43 a.m.

Passed 234/188 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

### On Approving the Journal

House Vote #696

Dec 19, 2017 5:04 p.m.

Passed 227/180 **MEEHAN VOTED NO** (he's a rebel)

### S. 1536: Combating Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act

House Vote #695

Dec 19, 2017 4:56 p.m.

Passed 418/1 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass in the House

GovTrack says: "A bill to designate a human trafficking prevention coordinator and to expand the scope of activities authorized under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's outreach and education program to include human trafficking prevention activities, and for other purposes."

### H.R. 3312: Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2017

House Vote #694

Dec 19, 2017 4:49 p.m.

Passed 288/130 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Passage of the Bill in the House

Countable says: "This bill would eliminate the automatic designation of banks as systemically important based solely on asset size, and would instead require regulators to develop a formal process for designating systemically important financial institutions (SIFI) based on their specific risk profile. It would require regulators to also consider the bank's interconnectedness, complexity, and the availability of readily available substitutes for the services it offers. These changes would take effect 18 months after this legislation's enactment.

Current law designates banks as systemically important if they have more than \$50 billion in assets. Banks given the SIFI designation are subject to stricter regulatory standards."

### [H.R. 4323: Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act](#)

House Vote #693

Dec 19, 2017 2:35 p.m.

Passed 420/1 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

GovTrack says: "To promote veteran involvement in STEM education, computer science, and scientific research, and for other purposes."

### [H.R. 1: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act](#)

House Vote #692

Dec 19, 2017 2:27 p.m.

Passed 227/203 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On the Conference Report in the House

*## Update \#4 --- Dec. 17, 2017 House and Senate Republicans have come to an agreement on the tax bill, H.R. 1, which they intend to pass before Congress goes on recess on the 22nd. Senate Democrats want the final vote to be delayed until Senator-elect Doug Jones (D-AL) has ...*

Countable says: "**(Updated 12/16/17)**: This bill — known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act — would overhaul the tax code with the goal of reducing the tax burden on individuals and businesses. It would reduce the number of personal income tax brackets, lower tax rates, eliminate deductions, and also reduce the corporate tax rate. The bill was amended from its original form by the [Senate](#), which replaced the House-passed [version](#) in its entirety and made [further amendments](#) to it during floor debate before approving it. This summary currently reflects the final version of the bill reported by the conference committee.

### **Personal Tax Rates**

The current seven tax bracket tax code (ranging from 10 percent to 39.6 percent) would be revised, with all but two of those brackets being reduced slightly. The cuts would be temporary under the Senate plan, sunseting after 10 years unless they're extended by Congress.

- The 10% bracket would remain unchanged.
- The 15% bracket would be cut to 12%.
- The 25% bracket would be cut to 22%.

- The 28% bracket would be cut to 24%.
- The 33% bracket would be cut to 32%.
- The 35% bracket would remain unchanged.
- The 39.6% bracket would be cut to 37%.

## **Personal Tax Credits and Deductions**

Several tax credits and deductions would be expanded, preserved, or created including:

- The standard deduction would be doubled to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly -- up from \$6,350 and \$12,700 under current law.
- The individual mandate to buy health insurance imposed by Obamacare would be repealed effective in 2019.
- The Child Tax Credit would be doubled from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to help parents with the cost of raising children. It would be fully refundable up to \$1,400 and phases-out for families making over \$400,000. Parents have to provide a child's valid Social Security Number in order to receive the credit.
- The Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit would be preserved to help families care for children and older dependents who need additional support.
- The Earned Income Tax Credit would be preserved to provide low-income, working Americans with additional tax relief.
- The state and local property tax deduction would remain in effect with a \$10,000 cap.
- The deduction for charitable contributions would remain in effect.
- The adoption tax credit would remain in effect.
- The electric vehicle tax credit would remain in effect.

Several tax credits and deductions would be modified or eliminated including:

- The mortgage interest deduction would be unchanged for all homeowners with existing mortgages, and for new mortgages the deduction would be available up to \$750,000.
- The Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), which taxpayers must pay if their AMT tax liability exceeds their regular income tax liability, would remain in effect but the exemption amounts would be increased, while its thresholds would be phased out.
- The deduction for state and local taxes would be capped at \$10,000 and taxpayers could choose from sales, income, and property taxes to count toward the deduction.
- The deduction for medical expenses would be available for medical expenses exceeding 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income in 2018 and 2019, which would rise to 10 percent beginning in 2020.
- The personal exemption would be eliminated.

- The \$3,000 tax deduction for living expenses like meals and lodging incurred by members of Congress while away from their home would be repealed. (This provision was also introduced as a standalone bill, the [SQUEAL Act.](#))

### **Other Personal Tax Provisions**

- The exclusion threshold for the estate tax (aka the death tax) would be increased to \$11 million for individuals and \$22 million for married couples.
- The gift tax tax rate would be lowered from 40 percent to 30 percent, with the basic exclusion of \$10 million and the annual exclusion of \$14,000 remaining at their current levels, indexed for inflation.
- No changes would be made to the tax treatment of 401(k) retirement accounts or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).
- Individuals would be able to rollover funds in a 529 savings plan to ABLE accounts, which are tax-advantaged for individuals with disabilities and their families.
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- Graduate students would continue to be able to exempt the value of reduced tuition from their tax liability.
- The student loan interest deduction would remain in place.

### **Corporate Tax Provisions**

- The corporate tax rate would be lowered from 35 percent to 21 percent starting in 2018.
- Pass-through businesses would have a 20 percent deduction for non-wage income under certain circumstances, reducing their effective marginal tax rate to no more than 29.6 percent.
- Businesses would be allowed to immediately write off the full cost of new equipment to improve operations and enhance the skills of their workers. They would also be able to continue writing off interest on loans.
- The Research & Development Tax Credit would be preserved, as would the low-income housing tax credit that encourages investment in affordable housing.
- The international tax system would be modernized so that American companies don't face double taxation, and earnings could be repatriated at a reduced tax rate of 14 percent for cash profits and 7 percent for non-cash assets.
- Incentives that reward companies for shifting jobs, profits, and manufacturing plants overseas would be eliminated.
- Tax-exempt organizations like churches, charities, and foundations would have to comply with additional accountability rules.

### **Other Provisions**

- This bill would open a portion of the non-wilderness coastal plain of Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to [energy development](#), estimated to raise \$1.1 billion in tax revenue over the 10-year budget window.
- Revenue from offshore energy production would be temporarily increased for the Gulf Coast in 2020 and 2021 to allow states to invest in coastal restoration and hurricane protection.”

On Motion to Recommit Conference Report with Instructions: H.R. 1: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

House Vote #691

Dec 19, 2017 2:20 p.m.

Failed 191/236 **MEEHAN VOTED NO**

H.R. 4254: Women in Aerospace Education Act

House Vote #690

Dec 19, 2017 12:13 p.m.

Passed 409/17 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

GovTrack says: “To amend the National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 to strengthen the aerospace workforce pipeline by the promotion of Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program and National Aeronautics and Space Administration internship and fellowship opportunities to women, and for other purposes.”

H.Res. 667: Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018; providing for consideration of the

House Vote #689

Dec 19, 2017 12:05 p.m.

Passed 233/193 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On the Resolution in the House

On Ordering the Previous Question: H.Res. 667: Providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1) ...

House Vote #688

Dec 19, 2017 11:56 a.m.

Passed 233/187 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

H.R. 3979: Keep America’s Refuges Operational Act

House Vote #687

Dec 18, 2017 7:14 p.m.

Passed 371/14 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

Govtrack says: “To amend the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 to reauthorize the volunteer services, community partnership, and refuge education programs of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.”

H.R. 4375: STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act

House Vote #686

Dec 18, 2017 7:06 p.m.

Passed 376/9 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended in the House

GovTrack says: "To provide for a report on broadening participation in certain National Science Foundation research and education programs, to collect data on Federal research grants to science agencies, and for other purposes."

[On Motion to Fix the Convening Time](#)

House Vote #685

Dec 18, 2017 6:58 p.m.

Passed 216/169 **MEEHAN VOTED YES**

**Meehan Select Committee Activities 12/17 – 1/2**

**WAYS AND MEANS:**

Nothing new.

**ETHICS:**

Here are statements:

JAN 2, 2018

***Statement of the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics Regarding Representative Ruben Kihuen***

DEC 21, 2017

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**Other Meehan Congress Stuff 12/17 – 1/2**

The following bills were either introduced or co-sponsored by Meehan this time period. From ProPublica.

**COSPONSORED:**

<b>Cosponsor Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Latest Act</b>
DEC. 21, 2017	<a href="#">H.R.1972: VA Billing Accountability Act</a>	<a href="#">Lloyd Smucker</a> (R-PA.)	In committe
DEC. 21, 2017	<a href="#">H.R.2340: To extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-</a>	<a href="#">Cathy McMorris</a>	In committe

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	<a href="#">Determination Act of 2000.</a>	<a href="#">Rodgers</a> (R-WASH.)	
DEC. 21, 2017	<a href="#">H.R.4724: Medicare IVIG Access Enhancement Act</a>	<a href="#">George Holding</a> (R-N.C.)	Referred to
DEC. 20, 2017	<a href="#">H.R.2234: Recognizing Achievement in Classified School Employees Act</a>	<a href="#">Dina Titus</a> (D-NEV.)	Referred to

INTRODUCED -

Nothing new.

## Meehan Web Site/Press Releases 12/17 – 1/2

# House Approves Middle-Class Tax Relief

Dec 19, 2017

Press Release

***Family of four earning \$73,000 to see a \$2,000 tax cut***

WASHINGTON – The House of Representatives this afternoon approved the House-Senate Conference Report for H.R. 1, the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*. Congressman Patrick Meehan (R-Pa.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, issued the following statement after the vote:

**“This bill brings needed tax relief to middle-class families,”** said Congressman Meehan. **“It doubles the standard deduction, meaning the first \$24,000 a married couple earns will be tax free. It lowers rates overall and it doubles the size of the child tax credit. The end result will be a lower tax bill for the vast majority of middle-class taxpayers.”**

**“Importantly, the compromise reached between the House and Senate preserves deductions for state and local property or income taxes, mortgage interest, and charitable contributions. I’m particularly pleased that this bill preserves and makes more generous the deduction for medical expenses – so important to many Pennsylvania seniors with expensive medical bills. It also repeals Obamacare’s harmful ‘individual mandate’ tax, which disproportionately hits working families. In Pennsylvania, 83% of taxpayers hit by the individual mandate penalty earned less than \$50,000 a year.”**

**“This legislation doesn’t just mean more money in the pockets of middle class families. It means more jobs, too. It’s the most significant revamp of our broken business tax code in decades, and it will bring thousands of jobs back to our shores from overseas. It also gives small businesses a tax cut. [One study](#), by the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, indicates the bill will generate more than 13,000 jobs in Pennsylvania.”** An analysis of the legislation [released this morning](#) by the left-leaning Tax Policy Center found that more than 80% of tax filers will receive a tax cut next year – a cut, on average, of almost \$1,600.

**“Our tax code today is broken. Pennsylvania taxpayers spend too much time and money each year struggling to comply with a tax code that doesn’t work for them. Taxpayers will be able to decide how to spend more of what they earn instead of sending it to Washington. Their tax bill will be lower and for many, paying it will be far simpler. It’s a good deal for working families across Pennsylvania,”** Meehan said.

The Senate is expected to vote on the measure tonight.

<https://meehan.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/house-approves-middle-class-tax-relief>

# Meehan Statement on Mariner East 2 Construction Suspension

Jan 3, 2018

Press Release

**Springfield, Pa.** – Congressman Patrick Meehan (R-Pa.) issued the following statement after the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection [suspended construction permits](#) for the Mariner East 2 pipeline:

**“When it comes to pipeline construction, the top priority must be the safety of the surrounding communities and their residents,”** said Congressman Meehan. **“I’m pleased to see the Commonwealth take action to protect Pennsylvania families by halting construction of the pipeline until Sunoco is able to address construction concerns. Built safely, pipelines can play an important role in our regional economy and support jobs in the energy sector. It’s vital that we have the proper safeguards in place to ensure we’re not putting our communities at risk.”**

Last month, Meehan [called on Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf](#) to address concerns about the pipeline’s safety and to conduct and publicize a risk assessment that takes into consideration the potential hazards of a pipeline leak.

<https://meehan.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/meehan-statement-on-mariner-east-2-construction-suspension>

## Meehan Tweets 12/17 – 1/2

On 12/19/17 Meehan tweeted:

**Patrick Meehan**



Verified account

@RepMeehan

19 Dec 2017

More

Courtesy of the [@taxfoundation](#) -- what the tax cut bill means for several different sample taxpayers.

Impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

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Tax-Deferred Retirement Contributions	\$2,400	\$4,000	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$20,000	\$37,000	\$18,500	\$0
Itemization	Std. Ded.	Std. Ded.	Std. Ded.	Std. Ded.	Itemizing	Itemizing	Itemizing	Std. Ded.
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% Change in After Tax Earnings	1.26%	3.64%	2.37%	2.65%	1.35%	2.96%	0.95%	0.56%

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TAX FOUNDATION @TaxFoundation

<https://twitter.com/RepMeehan/status/943196699245326339>

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Took to the House Floor today to urge bipartisan action on a long-term extension of [#CHIP](#). A short-term extension passed by the House today is good news, but we need to do better.

<https://www.facebook.com/CongressmanPatrickMeehan/videos/1728285430570960/> ...

<https://twitter.com/RepMeehan/status/943977862230675457>

On 12/25/17 Meehan tweeted:

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas!

<https://twitter.com/RepMeehan/status/945314727688916993>

On 1/3/18 Meehan tweeted:

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## **Meehan FaceBook 12/17 – 1/2**

On 12/19/17 Meehan posted:

**Congressman Patrick Meehan**

December 19, 2017 at 2:09pm ·

Courtesy of the Tax Foundation, here's what the tax cut bill on the House floor today will mean for several different sample taxpayers.

"Our results indicate a reduction in tax liability for every scenario we estimated, with some of the largest changes in after-tax income accruing to moderate-income families with children."

## Impacts of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act



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December 19, 2017 at 6:11pm ·

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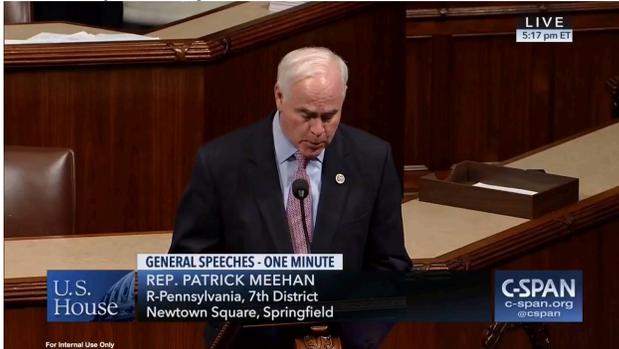
MEEHAN.HOUSE.GOV

On 12/21/17 Meehan posted:

## Congressman Patrick Meehan

December 21, 2017 at 5:47pm ·

Took to the House Floor today to call for a long-term extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program. The House passed a five year extension last month but the Senate has not taken action. Just a few moments ago passed a short-term extension of CHIP through March that will hopefully be adopted by the Senate. A short-term extension is good, but we need to do better.



(go to his FB account to watch the video)

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19 hrs ·

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Pennsylvania shuts down construction on Sunoco gas pipeline

Pennsylvania environmental officials ordered Sunoco on Wednesday to halt construction of a natural gas pipeline across the southern part of the state, citing a...

## Meehan Public Appearances FUTURE

Nothing new I could find.

### Meehan General Info

- **Townhalls – Still none scheduled.**
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during the February recess. Did meet with small groups of constituents.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during the April recess. Did meet with small groups of constituents.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during the May recess. Was invited to a D7 Citizens for Equality Action Network event but did not show up. He was represented there by a large rubber stamp.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls in June.
  - Meehan held a telephone town hall the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>, around 8pm (I think on the 18<sup>th</sup>).
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during August.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during September.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during October
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during November.
  - Meehan held NO public town halls during December.
- **Website:** <https://meehan.house.gov>
- **MEEHAN'S CAMPAIGN :** 484-443-8389
- **Offices:**
  - Washington DC, 2305 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515, Ph: (202) 225-2011, Fx: (202) 226-0280
  - Springfield, 940 West Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064, Ph: (610) 690-7323, Fx: (610) 690-7329
    - This office is located on the second floor of a non-descript multistory building that looks something like a medical building. There is a vestibule where you are greeted through glass by an intern before being allowed into the main office area to meet with any staff. The building is on a very busy road although residential side streets allow for overflow parking if any protests need to be planned here.
  - Amity Township, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Monday 9am – 2pm
  - Paradise, 2 Township Drive, Paradise, PA 17562, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Tuesday 9am – 2pm
  - Whitpain Township, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422, Ph: , Fx: ?, Office Hours: Wednesday 9am – 2pm
  - Honey Brook, 500 Suplee Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Thursday 9am – 2pm
- **House Committee Assignments:**
  - **Ways and Means Committee**
    - **Tax Policy Subcommittee**
  - **Ethics Committee**
- **Staff**

- **Carrie Santoro, Meehan campaign manager**
- **Alaina Sforza 610-690-7329 (District Representative, and Internship Coordinator)**
- **Colleen Gallagher [pa07.scheduling@mail.house.gov](mailto:pa07.scheduling@mail.house.gov) (scheduling group visits with Meehan)**
- **John Elizandro (communications director)**
- **Ian, Nicholas, Sabrina, Mellissa, phone answerer Sproul Road office**
- **Caitlin Ganley, District Director**
- **Crystal, Brittany, Julianna, Michael, Matt, phone answerer in DC**
- **Julie Nolan, EDUCATION resource staff member in DC, also handles HEALTHCARE**
- **Jimmy, DC staffer who handles ENVIRONMENTAL positions**
- **Jordan, office staff at DC office**
- **Chris Pack, not part of Meehan staff, but National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) who recently has been vocal locally supporting Meehan and trying to bring down opposition to him.**

### **Meehan Background**

(updated, just from Wikipedia)

Born 1955 (62 years old). Graduated from Bowdoin College 1978. Hockey player and was Hockey league ref from 1979-1982. Meehan then went to Temple Law School and graduated with his J.D. in 1986. In 1979 worked on Philadelphia mayoral campaign of Republican David Marston. In 1980 he worked on PA Attorney General campaign of Roy Zimmerman.

After law school joined Dilworth Paxson LLP in 1986.

In 1995 Meehan elected the District Attorney of Delaware County (Republican). Served as District Attorney from 1996-2001. In 2001 Meehan was appointed by Pres. G.W. Bush to become U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of PA. Served in this role until 2008.

In 2008, Meehan moved to Conrad O'Brien Gellman and Rohn. Also in 2008 Meehan began to campaign for PA governor. But in 2009 ended bid and announced run for congress, for the seat vacated by Joe Sestak. Ran unopposed for Republican primary in 2010.

Meehan won his bid in 2010, running against Democratic State Rep. Bryan Lentz. Won again in 2012 against Democrat George Badey. Won again in 2014 against Democrat Mary Ellen Balchunis. Beat her again in 2016.

Meehan is married and has three sons. They are reported to live now in Chadds Ford, Delaware County.

### **Endorsements and Ratings (Mostly from Votesmart)**

- Here is a link to his page on Votesmart.  
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/119474/pat-meehan#.WV8ibzOZOu4>
- Not sure how best to summarize or highlight, but it does seem that there is valuable material here. For example, Congressman Meehan has a higher rating from "The John Birch Society" than the ACLU.

## Issues and Positions, From his Web Site:

Many issues are listed on the web site but there is a lot of variation in amount of content for each. Here I will summarize the ones that seem most important to Meehan, based on his having taken the trouble to write a LOT of words about them.

#1 = Defense and National Security. Meehan has worked on cybersecurity especially.

#2 = Economy and Jobs. Meehan focuses on supporting small businesses. Words here on repealing medical device taxes.

#3 = Education. Supports No Child Left Behind Act and Disabilities Education Act. Supports Pell Grants.

#4 = Veterans. Complains about treatment of veterans.

#5 = Transportation. Infrastructure is outdated. PA has over 6000 structurally-deficient bridges, most in the US.

#6 = Spending Cuts and Debt. Worried about deficit and national debt. Country can't continue "dangerous fiscal irresponsibility".

#7 = Health Care. Reform health care system. Vague and not much words here on his specific plans.

#8 = Energy. Supports various sources of energy. "Growing our economy through investment in affordable energy and protecting our environment and citizens are compatible goals."

The following topics are listed on the web site but less than a real paragraph explaining positions.  
Government Spending and Oversight, Environment and Conservation

## Campaign Contributions from OpenSecrets.org or FEC.gov

Meehan was one of the guest speakers on 10/13/17 for the Delaware Republican Party at their "Salute at Vicmead" event, held at the Vicmead Hunt Club.

I'm focusing on the latest FEC filing for the 2018 election. Now updated through 9/30/17.

From FEC:

<https://www.fec.gov/data/elections/house/PA/7/2018/>

## Candidates in this election

Incumbent

Candidate	Party	Total receipts	Total disbursements
MEEHAN, PATRICK L. MR	REPUBLICAN PARTY	\$1,027,096.60	\$498,767.79
LEACH, DAYLIN B	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$403,062.81	\$203,047.46
MUROFF, DANIEL	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$306,422.53	\$86,006.43
SHEEHAN, MOLLY	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$194,658.08	\$13,456.62
PERRY, PAUL-DAVID II	DEMOCRATIC	\$78,925.47	\$48,243.69

	PARTY		
MORO, ELIZABETH	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$45,124.10	\$38,448.68
MCGINTY, JOHN	DEMOCRATIC PARTY	\$1,513.00	\$318.11
BILLIE, JOSEPH MICHAEL	REPUBLICAN PARTY	\$0.00	\$0.00

• PAT MEEHAN FOR CONGRESS

**Total raised**

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Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$1,027,096.60</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$1,005,967.14</b>
Total individual contributions	\$251,657.14
<i>Itemized individual contributions</i>	<u>\$247,846.69</u>
<i>Unitemized individual contributions</i>	\$3,810.45
Party committee contributions	\$0.00
Other committee contributions	\$754,310.00
Candidate contributions	\$0.00
<b>TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LOANS RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Loans made by candidate	\$0.00
Other loans	\$0.00
<b>OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$15,527.45</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$5,602.01</b>

**Total spent**

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Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$498,767.79</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$415,032.79</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Individual refunds	\$1,500.00
Political party refunds	\$0.00
Other committee refunds	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Candidate loan repayments	\$0.00
Other loan repayments	\$0.00
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$79,735.00</b>

## Cash summary

Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

<b>ENDING CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>\$2,463,684.37</b>
<b>DEBTS/LOANS OWED TO COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DEBTS/LOANS OWED BY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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[\[This was the total through 6/30/17 and for fun, I left it here so those who have read through this, THIS FAR can compare the above...\]](#)

## Total raised

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Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 06/30/2017

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$718,169.13</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$699,202.14</b>
Total individual contributions	\$170,152.14
<i>Itemized individual contributions</i>	<i>\$167,246.69</i>
<i>Unitemized individual contributions</i>	<i>\$2,905.45</i>
Party committee contributions	\$0.00
Other committee contributions	\$529,050.00
Candidate contributions	\$0.00
<b>TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LOANS RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Loans made by candidate	\$0.00
Other loans	\$0.00
<b>OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$15,441.45</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$3,525.54</b>

## Total spent

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Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 06/30/2017

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$316,126.58</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$264,916.58</b>
<b>TRANSFERS TO OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Individual refunds	\$0.00
Political party refunds	\$0.00
Other committee refunds	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL LOAN REPAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Candidate loan repayments	\$0.00
Other loan repayments	\$0.00
<b>OTHER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$48,710.00</b>

## Cash summary

Coverage dates: 01/01/2017 to 06/30/2017

<b>ENDING CASH ON HAND</b>	<b>\$2,337,398.11</b>
<b>DEBTS/LOANS OWED TO COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>DEBTS/LOANS OWED BY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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### Top Contributors, 2017 - 2018

<b>Contributor</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>PACs</b>
Comcast Corp	\$22,200	\$7,200	\$15,000
Exelon Corp	\$12,700	\$2,700	\$10,000
National Air Traffic Controllers Assn	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000
Atlas Air Worldwide	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Ernst & Young	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000

### Top Industries, 2017 - 2018

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Individuals</b>	<b>PACs</b>
Insurance	\$74,100	\$3,100	\$71,000
Real Estate	\$50,400	\$13,900	\$36,500
Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$50,150	\$1,000	\$49,150
Securities & Investment	\$37,900	\$5,400	\$32,500
Health Professionals	\$36,000	\$0	\$36,000

### Political Action Committees (PACs) 2017 - 2018

Select cycle:

2018

**\$780,700**

Total PAC Money for 2017 - 2018

Number of Contributions: **405**

### Sectors 2017 - 2018

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Total</b>
<a href="#">Agribusiness</a>	\$7,000
<a href="#">Communications/Electronics</a>	\$42,000
<a href="#">Construction</a>	\$33,000
<a href="#">Defense</a>	\$22,000
<a href="#">Energy &amp; Natural Resources</a>	\$64,750

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Total</b>
<a href="#">Finance, Insurance &amp; Real Estate</a>	\$224,500
<a href="#">Health</a>	\$124,150
<a href="#">Lawyers &amp; Lobbyists</a>	\$19,750
<a href="#">Transportation</a>	\$37,500
<a href="#">Misc Business</a>	\$101,000
<a href="#">Labor</a>	\$68,000
<a href="#">Ideological/Single-Issue</a>	\$36,050
<a href="#">Other</a>	\$1,000

From Meehan's Website:

## **“Spending Cuts and Debt**

One of the greatest responsibilities given to Congress is the monumental task of allocating the federal budget. For the last three decades our federal deficit has averaged three percent of gross domestic product (GDP). According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the federal budget deficit reached \$1.1 trillion. The national debt at the end of 2012 was over \$16 trillion dollars. While these numbers may seem difficult to comprehend, one thing is clear—Congress cannot continue the current rate of spending.

Erskine Bowles, former chief of staff to President Clinton and current advisor to President Obama, has said that, “This debt is like a cancer...It is truly going to destroy the country from within.” There is consensus among reasonable people of all political stripes that we simply cannot continue this dangerous fiscal irresponsibility. At a time when median household income has fallen and families across the U.S. have had to make hard decisions to keep their budgets in order, the previous Congress threw common sense out the window, and increased spending by nearly \$980 billion. That type of recklessness is saddling our children and grandchildren with a crushing burden. When we have to borrow 40 cents of each dollar we spend, most of it from China, we are fundamentally compromising our ability to compete in the 21st century. Indeed, Admiral Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs under President Obama, warns that “[T]he biggest threat we have to our national security is our debt.”

I am committed to eliminating wasteful spending, making tough decision to cut where necessary and bringing our budget back to a manageable level. American families have to do more with less and the federal government must follow suit.”