

Monitoring Congressman Patrick Meehan
7th District of PA
Sunday 28 Jan 2018 Edition

KEY POINTS 1/21 – 1/28

- **#MEEHANTOO (SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS):** Sorry, but reading all these articles has really brought out my snark.
 - **1/20 Sat:** NYT article drops. Ryan removes Meehan from Ethics Committee.
 - **1/21 Sun:** Meehan calls for full airing of allegations. (Spoiler alert: This won't go well.)
 - **1/22 Mon:** Ethics Committee investigation begins. Meehan continues to deny any sexual harassment. Democrats and Republicans alike are OUTRAGED that tax dollars were used to pay settlement. Various parties call for Meehan to resign/not seek reelection.
 - **1/23 Tues:** Meehan does nine creepy interviews to explain himself. Gives bizarre personal definition for the term "soul mate". He is SHOCKED others might give it a romantic interpretation. Insists he will still run for reelection.
 - **1/24 Weds:** The fallout from the nine creepy interviews begins. Colbert skewers Meehan in his monologue (please please please watch it if you haven't yet). But the RNCC Chair still wants to "let the voters decide".
 - **1/25 Thurs:** Maybe Meehan won't seek reelection after all. But no WAY is he resigning. He plans to fight on, for his constituents. Continue to apply his super-awesome judgment on our behalf.
 - **Generally:** Protests outside Meehan's office on multiple days as constituents call for him to resign. The press coverage was extraordinary and broad. We're all Meehan's "soul mates" now, as we "go through remarkable experiences together." And this final hug is definitely lasting longer than needed.
- **GERRYMANDERING:** On Monday the PA Supreme Court threw out our district lines. They called for immediate new maps, before the May 2018 primary. New maps are due 2/9. Wolf to sign off by 2/15. If that timeline can't be met, the court will draw the new districts. Republicans have asked the SCOTUS to step in and block the redistricting and to let them know by 1/31. D7 is clearly on the chopping block here and it is anyone's guess who will still be in D7 vs in another district.
- **DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGERS:** A sixth candidate has announced: Shelly Chauncey, former CIA officer. Working class background and security credentials should serve her well. She joins the crowded race: Moro, Muroff, Sheehan, McGinty (and Leach hasn't said he's out).
- **TRUMPER OR MODERATE?:** Fivethirtyeight Trump score up to 89.1%. Overall voting record at 88.8% with party.

Meehan In The News 1/21 – 1/28

Meehan Sexual Misconduct Allegations – Ethics

Congressman Ousted From Ethics Committee After Report Surfaced That He Settled Sexual Misconduct Complaint

- Emma Stefansky, 1/21/18, HIVE/Vanity Fair
- As reported previously, **Ryan removed Meehan from Ethics Committee the day the sexual misconduct complaint news dropped. Meehan reportedly used taxpayer money to settle the case the aide made against him.**

- Covers John Elizandro’s statement from Meehan’s office, further that **Meehan has waived all confidentiality about the case, asking his accuser to do the same.** Goal is to “ensure a full and open airing of all the facts”.
- <https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2018/01/pat-meehan-sexual-harassment-settlement>

GOP Campaign Head: Meehan ‘a Good Man’, but Investigate Sexual Harassment Claim

- Jonathan Tamari, 1/21/18, Philly Inquirer
- Head of Republicans’ congressional campaign committee called Meehan “a good man” and “a great public servant” but said they would take “a serious look” at the sexual misconduct allegations.
- Steve Stivers, **head of the National Republican Congressional Committee observed that Meehan has denied the harassment accusation and wants to learn more before deciding on whether to continue to support Meehan’s bid for reelection.**
- The **Ethics Committee is investigating.** Author observes that Meehan and his accuser are bound by a nondisclosure agreement.
- Meredith Kelly, spokeswoman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee says “No matter their party, members and candidates must all be held to the highest standard. As we’ve said before, if anyone is guilty of sexual harassment or sexual assault, that person should not hold public office.”
- **Meehan did not vote Saturday and did not attend a Sunday afternoon federal shutdown meeting.**
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/congressional/gop-patrick-meehan-delaware-county-sexual-harassment-settlement-20180121.html>

Delaware County Rep Pat Meehan Settled Misconduct Complaint: NYT

- Daniel Hampton, Springfield Patch, 1/21/18
- Reminds us that **Ryan has urged Meehan to repay the taxpayer money used to settle the misconduct complaint against Meehan.**
- Ethics Committee will investigate. Meehan will submit himself for review. Observes that **Meehan just finished serving on the panel while it recently investigated sexual misconduct against four other lawmakers.**
- Meehan’s office denies that Meehan sexually harassed or mistreated the former aide. Wants to dissolve the confidentiality requirements associated with the settlement “to ensure a full and open airing of all the facts.”
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/springfield-pa/delaware-county-rep-pat-meehan-settled-misconduct-complaint-nyt>

Time’s Up, Rep. Pat Meehan. Without Ethics, You Are Nothing

- Will Bunch, Opinion piece, 1/22/18, Philly Inquirer
- Observes that Meehan’s brand was built on being tough – unrelenting and harsh against corruption. **Meehan once declared “The creation of a culture of corruption is a disservice to the legions of honest public servants who work each day in municipal government, and mostly to the taxpayers who turn over their hard-earned dollars in trust.”**
- Bunch found Saturday’s NYT story stunning – esp. that Meehan used thousand of taxpayer dollars to settle and keep quiet the allegations.
- **Bunch says the effort “raises serious questions about the judgment and morals of the congressman”.**

- Observes that **Meehan hasn't personally addressed the allegation (note this article was 1/22) but says this isn't surprising since Meehan hasn't had a public town hall meeting in district "in years"**.
- Bunch suggests that **Meehan benefited from "a secretive system of quasi-justice that is stacked towards protecting the powerful, keeping their misdeeds secret from the voting public, and sticking taxpayers with the bill"**. Says Meehan worked out the settlement **with the help of four representatives including two lawyers**.
- **And we still don't know how big the settlement was**.
- **And remember that Meehan was on the Ethics Committee. And never thought to disclose his own problems and potential conflict of interest**.
- Bunch suggests that **Meehan has for years made pious and hypocritical statements about public corruption**.
- Bunch calls for Meehan to resign. **Bunch says that Meehan's one and only selling point historically was supposed to be his ethics, and now that Meehan's ethics are found wanting, Meehan should resign**.
- http://www.philly.com/philly/columnists/will_bunch/pennsylvania-congressman-pat-meehan-must-resign-sexual-harassment-20180122.html

Ethics Panel Opens Harrassment Inquiry into Rep. Pat Meehan

- Elana Schor, 1/22/18, Politico
- **Ethics Committee opened investigation into Meehan promptly – on Monday**.
- **The inquiry cited allegations of harassment and Meehan's use of his office budget to resolve the claim of the former aide. The congressional Office of Compliance maintains a taxpayer-funded account for payment of misconduct claims, but Meehan (and Rep. John Conyers) used their office budgets to resolve the issue**.
- **The former aide's attorney asked the committee to also investigate whether Meehan breached the confidentiality of his settlement**.
- <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/22/meehan-ethics-harassment-358213>

1/22 PoliticsPA Playbook

- PoliticsPA Staff, 1/22/18, PoliticsPA
- **Meehan settled sexual harassment claim with staffer, paying thousand out of office budget to settle a sexual harassment claim**.
- <http://www.politicspa.com/1-22-politicspa-playbook/86122/>

Another PA Seat in Jeopardy? Congressman Accused of Sexual Harassment

- Dennis Owens, 1/22/18, ABC27
- **In addition to describing the allegations against Meehan, now we see Republicans speaking out. Rep. Jim Christiana (R-Beaver) is running for Senate and says "This is unacceptable. Yes there's due process, but there's not due process for using taxpayer money for this type of behavior and then trying to cover it up."**
- **Meehan denies wrongdoing but Christiana says the PA delegation should police itself. Says Christiana "Once this is uncovered that's when colleagues need to hold colleagues accountable and say it's time to move on and allow someone else to take over the seat."**
- <http://abc27.com/2018/01/22/another-pa-seat-in-jeopardy-congressman-accused-of-sexual-harassment/>

New York Times Publishes Story Saying US Rep Patrick Meehan Settled a Harassment Suit; His Office Saying He's Fighting For Non-Disclosure For Facts to Come to Light

- Kathleen Carey, 1/22/18, TimesHerald
- Nothing new here regarding story outline.
- Delaware County Democratic Chairman David Landau issued statement calling for Meehan to end his re-election campaign immediately. Quotes from D7 challengers Muroff, McGinty.
- <http://www.timesherald.com/general-news/20180122/new-york-times-publishes-story-saying-us-rep-patrick-meehan-settled-a-harassment-suit-his-office-says-hes-fighting-for-non-disclosure-for-facts-to-come-to-light>

Pat Meehan Says He Saw Younger Aide as ‘A Soul Mate’ But Denies Harassment

- Jonathan Tamari, 1/23/18, Philly Inquirer
- **Meehan did an interview today with the Inquirer in his first extensive response after the Saturday allegations.**
- In the interview, **Meehan said he had a deep “affection” for the younger aide, saw her as a “soul mate” but said he never pursued her romantically. Despite paying her a secret settlement. Meehan also said he reacted “poorly” when he found out the aide had a serious relationship with another man. Meehan released the letter he sent the aide in May 2017. In it he thanked God for putting you into my life” and signed the letter “With all my heart, Patrick”. [editorial: lck]**
- Meehan said he **would not abandon his reelection bid.**
- Meehan **confirmed the NYT story. But Meehan said that any hostility he exhibited stemmed from stress and pressure around his ACA votes. He says he used office funds to settle the harassment claim so the aide could move on and keep the issue private.**
- Meehan **called the payment “severance” and not a settlement.**
- **Meehan said he exchanged a hug with the aide which lasted “maybe longer than needed to be”. [editorial: lck]**
- In Meehan’s letter to the aide, he recounts how he visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and found the names of two soldiers, one named Meehan and one with the aide’s name. He says “As I traced the monument with my finger, I wondered who they were and why their plans ended so sadly and abruptly. As we travel our paths together, I am comforted that there is more unwritten.” [editorial: lck]
- **Meehan admits that “in hindsight” he “should have been looking at it from the perspective of a subordinate and a superior.” He says he felt “invited” to share his romantic feelings with the aide as they shared an ice cream after work. [editorial: lck]**
- **Meanwhile protestors have gathered outside Meehan’s office, calling for him to step down.**
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/pat-meehan-soul-mate-sexual-harassment-claim-20180123.html>

Editorial: Keep Momentum Going in Fight Against Harassment

- Editorial, 1/23/18, Reading Eagle
- Generally supportive of the rising tide of discussion of sexual harassment of women that has become public and ruined the careers of high profile men.
- Observes that in this context, **last week the House unveiled a bill that proposes major reforms to the 1995 Congressional Accountability Act, to update how these issues are addressed in congress.**
- And now we have news of Meehan, which underscores the importance of the change in policy. NYT reported that Meehan spent taxpayer money to settle the complaint.
- Then the rest of the article is about the new bill and the editors support for it.

- <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/editorial-keep-momentum-going-in-fight-against-harassment>

Rep. Pat Meehan, Seeking to Defend Himself From Harassment Charge, Calls Aide His ‘Soul Mate’

- Elise Viebeck, 1/23/18, Washington Post
- **Observes that Meehan gave his first big interview on the sexual misconduct allegations on Tuesday to the Philadelphia Inquirer.**
- More of the same that we’ve all heard, from the interview.
- https://www.washingtonpost.com/powerpost/rep-pat-meehan-seeking-to-defend-himself-from-harassment-charge-calls-aide-his-soul-mate/2018/01/23/07332d88-0080-11e8-9d31-d72cf78dbeee_story.html?utm_term=.5e262278a8d0

Congressman Insists That Calling an Aide His “Soul Mate” Was Definitely Not Sexual Harassment

- Rebecca Nelson, 1/23/18, Cosmopolitan
- **Meehan called the aide his “soul mate”, reacted “selfishly” when she got a boyfriend, thanked God for putting her in his life, and paid her thousands in taxpayer money to settle her sexual misconduct claim against him. But Meehan insists he never sexually harassed her.**
- Reminds us that **Meehan has styled himself a champion of sexual harassment victims in Congress.**
- Goes on with the story and reminds the reader that **Meehan is still running for re-election in November.**
- <http://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/a15858934/pat-meehan-pennsylvania-accused-sexual-harassment/>

Rep. Patrick Meehan Says He Saw Aide as ‘Soul Mate’, But Denies Sexual Misconduct

- Nicole Darrah, 1/23/18, Fox News
- In addition to the basic story, **Meehan told the Inquirer in an interview, that he felt “invited” to express his feeling to the woman when out for ice cream. The two hugged for “maybe longer that night than needed to be”. [editorial: lck]**
- <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/01/23/rep-patrick-meehan-says-saw-aide-as-soul-mate-but-denies-sexual-misconduct.html>

Pennsylvania Congressman Pat Meehan Under Fire Amid Sexual Misconduct Allegations

- 1/24/18, CBS Philly News 3
- Video interview bit.
- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/mlb/pennsylvania-congressman-pat-meehan-is-under-fire-amid-sexual-misconduct-allegations/vp-AAv5eY6>

Oh, Pat Meehan. No, No, No, No.

- Chris Cillizza, CNN, 1/24/18
- Brutal review of what Meehan shared in his live interview earlier in the week. Short article. Read it yourself via the link if interested.
- But reminds us that **as of Wednesday morning, Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna Romney McDaniel was still saying to let the investigations into Meehan take place and saying then to “let the voters decide”.**
- <https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/24/politics/meehan-analysis/index.html>

Hey, Rep. Pat Meehan: If She Doesn't Like It, It's Not Romance

- Erin Gloria Ryan, 1/24/18, Daily Beast
- Observes that **Meehan asserts that the things the aide said were true, but were not harassment. They were soul mates.**
- On Tuesday **Meehan said: "In hindsight" he "should have been looking at it from the perspective of a subordinate and a superior".** [editorial: no shit.]
- <https://www.thedailybeast.com/wtf-pat-meehan>

RNC Refuses to Abandon Rep Who Sexually Harassed Staffer and Blamed Obamacare

- Matthew Chapman, 1/24/18, Shareblue Media
- I only am including this article because the title reminds me to point out that **Meehan did indeed, in his icky Philly Inquirer interview, blame his actions partly on stress associate with the ACA vote.**
- This article really is mostly about the **RNC chairman's statements of neutral support for Meehan and then the author points out that this is consistent with their position on Trump.**
- <https://shareblue.com/rnc-refuses-to-abandon-rep-pat-meehan-who-sexually-harassed-staffer-and-blamed-obamacare/>

Rep. Patrick Meehan, Under Misconduct Cloud, Will Not Seek Reelection

- Mike DeBonis and Robert Costa, 1/25/18, Washington Post
- **Meehan announced Thursday he will not seek reelection.**
- Meehan: **"Unfortunately, recent events concerning my office and the settlement of certain harassment allegations have become a major distraction. I need to own it because it is my own conduct that fueled the matter... It is clear to me, that under the current conditions, any campaign I would run would not be decided over vital issues but would likely devolve into an ugly spectacle of harsh rhetoric. I do not believe that is in the best interest of the constituents I represent."**
- **National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Ohio) said "While I'm disappointed by the circumstances leading to Congressman Meehan's retirement, I thank him for his dedication to his district. We must always hold ourselves to the highest possible standard – especially while serving in Congress."**
- Authors observe that Meehan was clearly turned into a weakened candidate by the controversy and **Republican strategists are relieved Meehan will retire. Furthermore there is a question as to whether D7 will survive when new congressional lines are drawn in February.**
- Still others are asking whether Meehan should step away from Congress. **GOP Rep. Glenn Grothman told a constituent recently "Hopefully, he will be headed out really quickly. You can't force him out, but I know Paul Ryan stripped him of one of his committees, and so hopefully he's on the way out."**
- The text of Meehan's letter to not seek re-election is included in the article but I won't write it out here. In the letter, **Meehan does say he will "keep fighting for my constituents until the end of my term."**
- https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2018/01/25/rep-patrick-meehan-under-misconduct-cloud-will-not-seek-reelection/?utm_term=.71b4a7229f46

Rep. Meehan Won't Seek Reelection

- Alex Isenstadt, 1/25/18, Politico

- Other than earlier info, **NRCC Chairman Steve Stivers says he is confident voters will elect a conservative to replace Meehan.**
- Observes that the **Republican-controlled state Legislature might sacrifice Meehan's district to satisfy the recent court ordered-redrawing of the PA congressional maps.**
- Author states that Republicans in the PA state legislature filed an application with the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday to stay the state Supreme Court's ruling and allow the 2018 election to proceed with existing maps.
- <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/25/pat-meehan-reelection-370850>

U.S.Rep. Pat Meehan, Who Settled Sexual Harassment Complaint, Won't Seek Reelection

- AP, 1/25/18, CBSNews
- In addition to earlier info, article shares that there have been **rallies outside Meehan's district office demanding his resignation.** Shares that **Colbert skewered Meehan Wednesday night in his opening monologue.** [editorial: oh please watch this...it was delicious]
- Chairman of PA Republican Party, Val DiGiorgio, said Meehan "made the right decision". Says it is a "sad ending to what was an otherwise noteworthy career of a dedicated public servant leader."
- Reports that **Republicans have quietly been looking for other candidates, even before Meehan's announcement to not seek reelection.**
- <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/congressman-pat-meehan-pennsylvania-not-seeking-reelection/>

GOP Rep. Pat Meehan Retiring Amid Reports of Taxpayer-Funded Harassment Settlement

- Carla Herreria, HuffPost, 1/25/18
- Among other things already covered, this article reminds us of Meehan's lame attempts to explain his use of the term "soul mate".
- https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/rep-pat-meehan-retiring-sexual-harassment-settlement_us_5a6a9119e4b01fbbefb061ed

Gubernatorial Candidates Fault Meehan's Use of Taxpayer Funds to Settle Sexual Harassment Claim

- Jan Murphy, 1/25/18, PennLive.com
- Observes that **none of the 4 Republican candidates for Governor of PA are calling for Meehan to resign.** But **Scott Wagner and Laura Ellsworth did fault Meehan for using taxpayer dollars to make the settlement payments.**
- This article shares that **Meehan says he won't repay the taxpayers unless he is ordered to do so by the House Ethics Committee.**
- **Gov. Wolf has called on Meehan to resign immediately.**
- **Turzai is waiting to see how the investigation into the misconduct allegations plays out before commenting.**
- http://www.pennlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2018/01/gubernatorial_candidates_fault.html

Dems Eye GOP Rep's Seat After Sexual Harassment Allegations

- Ben Kamisar, 1/25/18, The Hill
- Although published on 1/25, written before the author knew of Meehan's decision to not seek reelection.
- Article gives a retelling of the situation. Observes that even before all this, Meehan was one of 23 Republicans whose district was won by Clinton in 2016.

- Suggests that the **redistricting process led by the Republicans in Harrisburg might be used to help Meehan save face, by pushing Meehan’s home out of D7 among other options.**
- **Mark Nevins, a Philadelphia Democratic strategist, says the Meehan scandal makes it unlikely that Daylin Leach can return to the campaign trail. Nevins says “If you are running to replace a person tainted by allegations of sexual harassment, you can’t replace him with someone who is carrying the same baggage.”**
- <http://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/370599-dems-eye-gop-reps-seat-after-sexual-harrasment-allegations>

Amid Scandal, US Rep. Patrick Meehan Drops Bid for Re-Election

- Kathleen E. Carey, 1/26/18, The Times Herald
- Meehan becomes the 5th member of Congress to resign or abandon hopes of re-election over sexual misconduct in the workplace.
- There were **back-to-back protests at Meehan’s local district office on Thursday.** The message was, **It’s time for Meehan to resign.** Noon protest had about 40 people. Later in the afternoon another protest continued. Groups represented included Indivisible groups, Citizens for Liberty, and others.
- Lots of quotes from folks at the protest, including constituents, members of county Democratic parties, and candidates vying for Meehan’s seat.
- While glad that Meehan said he won’t run again, protestors want Meehan to resign.
- Note that some of the protestors were Republicans and extolled the virtues of their Republican pick: Joe Billie.
- <http://www.timesherald.com/article/JR/20180126/NEWS/180129839>

The Heron’s Nest: Not Standing Pat in 7th

- Phil Heron, opinion, 1/26/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Observes #MeToo has added **#MeehanToo**
- In addition to all the other news, shared that Meehan did an interview with the Daily Times too.
- Nothing new really. But Heron observes that the **7th district seat is now “wide open”.** **But no one knows what the 7th district will look like after the current maps got tossed by the PA Supreme Court.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180126/the-herons-nest-not-standing-pat-in-7th>

Before ‘Soul Mate’ Comment, Rep. Pat Meehan Ignored Advice Against Interviews

- Jonathan Tamari, 1/27/18, Philly Inquirer
- Observes that the **revelations/accusations were concerning.** **But then says it was Meehan’s “stunning public response” that accelerated his downfall.**
- **Meehan did interviews with 9 news outlets Tuesday, against the advice of congressional and campaign aides.** Meehan is usually cautious publicly and “often clumsy in his syntax”.
- By the end of the interviews, it was **Meehan’s own words that turned the story from a scandal into “a viral moment ridiculed on cable news and late-night talk shows.”**
- Republicans thought Meehan doomed even before the interviews. Democratic media consultant Dan Fee said, “It’s a difference of dying from an incurable disease, and committing hari-kari”.
- The author observes that **in the Inquirer interview, Meehan elaborated more about his feelings for the aide than he usually did on policy.** [editorial: ouch!]
- Meehan used politically connected public relations firm Bellevue Communications to set up the interviews.
- Liberal groups are calling on Meehan to immediately resign.

- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/pat-meehan-soul-mate-comment-disregarded-advice-interviews-20180127.html>

Editorial: Meehan's Downfall Offers Valuable Lesson

- editors, 1/28/18, Reading Eagle
- The editors state **"The lawmaker fell far short of the professionalism expected from someone in his position."**
- Covers same territory as elsewhere. Observes how basic info is **drawing lines in relationships between bosses and subordinates.**
- Another article that draws the comparison between Meehan's behavior and Leach's.
- And observes the current, though temporary, turmoil in the 7th between the loss of Meehan as the Republican candidate for D7 and the final shape of D7 after the PA Supreme Court ruling.
- <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/editorial-meehans-downfall-offers-valuable-lesson>

'Soul Mate' Defense Doesn't Save Meehan: Turkeys and Trophies

- Opinion, 1/27/18, Lehigh Valley Live
- They give Meehan a "Turkey" for his "soul mate" defense. Observes that Meehan didn't dispute the facts in the NYT article.
- http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2018/01/turkeys_and_trophies_46.html

Character Still Counts

- Opinion, 1/28/18, Washington Examiner
- Author goes into the Murphy case and the Meehan case.
- The author challenges the idea that personal misdeeds and private lives should not affect our judgment of someone's suitability for public office. Says that "their compromised morality led to compromised policy positions."
- For Meehan, highlights suggestion that he changed his position on ACA votes to please his "soul mate".
- **Suggests that character matters to voters, still.**
- <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/character-still-counts/article/2647281>

Sometimes Real Life Means More Than Politics

- Mike McGann, 1/27/18, Unionville Times
- Observes that **Meehan's decision to not run for reelection was inevitable after Meehan confirmed the accounts of his behavior. And then blamed constituent harassment over his ACA vote for his actions. Author clearly takes issue with Meehan being so fragile as to blame the pressure of his job and input from constituents for his bad behavior.**
- <http://www.unionvilletimes.com/?p=38209>

Democratic Challengers – Election 2018

Ex-CIA Officer Jumps into Race in the 7th Congressional District

- Alex Rose, Delaware County Daily Times, 1/22/18
- **New candidate has announced bid for D7, Shelly Chauncey.** Chauncey says she sees running as a moral obligation. Believes we won't see change in DC until different kinds of people are elected. She is 37, a political newcomer. Cancer survivor and mother of 3. **Worked for the CIA for 10 years**, eventually becoming a counter-intelligence officer, working

under cover in Latin America, East Asia, and US. Graduate of Drexel School of Law. Currently a peer counselor and mental health ambassador. Filed her candidacy before Meehan sexual harassment hit the news.

- Chauncey says: “These disturbing allegations of harassment followed by a secret payout of taxpayer dollars are, sadly, business as usual in Washington. It’s beyond dispute that Congressman Meehan hypocritically postured as a reformer on the sexual harassment process while authorizing a secret payout. The people of our area deserve better than this.”
- Meanwhile **Delaware County Democratic Party Chairman David Landau described Chauncey as “impressive”**. The party will meet Feb. 18 to determine which candidate should receive party backing. Landau says, “As far as the party’s concerned, the race is still wide open, no endorsements have been made.”
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/article/DC/20180122/NEWS/180129900>

Former CIA Counter-Intelligence Officer Enter PA-7 Race

- Paul Engelkemier, Politics PA, 1/22/18
- Shelly Chauncey announced her bid to challenge Meehan. Chauncey worked for the CIA for 10 years after graduating college. Says that she is a cancer survivor and advocate for children with special needs. She joins the other 5 candidates seeking the democratic nomination.
- <http://www.politicspa.com/former-cia-counter-intelligence-officer-enters-pa-7-race/86141/>

Will This CIA Officer Fill the Hole Left by Leach in PA.’s 7th District Race/Clout

- Holly Otterbein, 1/22/18, Philly Inquirer
- Observes that **Leach was considered the leading democratic candidate in the 7th primary but party left scrambling when he took a step back from his campaign after sexually inappropriate behavior allegations.**
- **D7 now considered even more competitive with Meehan’s own sexual misconduct allegations.**
- Reports that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has been searching for new candidates in the 7th. Delaware County Democratic Committee Chairman David Landau says “Daylin was the front-runner, and when the front-runner drops out, people start asking questions: ‘Who do you have?’”.
- Author wonders if Shelly Chauncey, the new candidate to announce, will fill the opening.
- Chauncey lives in Glen Mills. Never ran for office before. Worked for CIA for 15 years, moving up through the ranks. Grew up on small farm in North Carolina. Daughter of prison guard and teacher. Age 37.
- **Chauncey says she “can’t sit back and watch our representative go to Washington and support an administration that’s taking away our health care and destroying the equality of our education.”**
- Author points out that **Chauncey has a national security career and a working class background**, both considered desirable qualities. Big question: ability to raise the money.
- Chauncey reportedly in conversation with DCCC and EMILY’s List.
- Author reports that “one or two” major Democratic donors have pledged support to Chauncey and Campaign Group, co-founded by Neil Oxman, planning to do her advertising.
- Other candidates for D7 still include Muroff, Sheehan, McGinty and Moro.
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/cia-officer-shelly-chauncey-announces-campaign-pennsylvania-seventh-district-20180122.html>

Sixth Democrat Enters Race to Oust Republican U.S. Rep. Pat Meehan

- Dave Davies, 1/23/18, WHYY

- In addition to standard news on Chauncey run...
- Davies asked if Chauncey volunteered to run or was recruited. She said "...it was a combination of just talking to people and realizing I just couldn't sit back any more."
- **Says she was considering running for a local race but because of the issues she cares about most, was advised to consider running for the D7 seat.**
- <https://why.org/articles/sixth-democrat-enters-race-oust-republican-u-s-rep-pat-meehan/>

Racist Comments – Trump

Toomey Meehan Responses Are a Start

- Letter to Editor, Kim Chappell, Cochranville, LancasterOnline
- Author expresses frustration at her Republican congressional members on yearlong silence on Trump. But expresses surprise that Toomey and Meehan have issued statements about Trump's 1/11/18 statements about brown people. Author suggests that to remain silent is to be complicit.
- http://lancasteronline.com/opinion/letters_to_editor/toomey-meehan-responses-are-a-start/article_54109dce-fc5d-11e7-8af7-db3c2f70be1e.html

PA Supreme Court Ruling – Gerrymandering

After PA Supreme Court Ruling, Is Pat Meehan's Time Up?

- Max Bennett, Springfield Patch, 1/22/18
- Observes that first Meehan is in "hot water", removed from Ethics Committee, over sexual misconduct claims. And now D7 will be redrawn per PA Supreme Court ruling. The 7th is often an example of the most extreme level gerrymandering in the nation, covering parts of Delaware, Montgomery, Chester, Berks, and Lancaster counties.
- Reminder that Meehan already has one primary challenger: Joe Billie of Delaware County.
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/springfield-pa/after-pa-supreme-court-ruling-pat-meehan-done>

Dems Poised to Gain Seats After Court Throws Out PA Congressional Map

- Elena Schneider, 1/22/18, Politico
- **PA Supreme Court on Monday dumped PA's congressional map, creating chaos. Possibly boosting Democrats chances to win House majority in fall. Lines must be redrawn within 3 weeks.**
- **Republican legislative leaders say they will seek a stay with US Supreme Court, saying the deadline is impossible and will create chaos. But some legal experts and GOP operatives say they don't expect the US Supreme Court to intervene. Unlike Wisconsin and North Carolina, the PA case deals with state law, not federal.**
- **The new map must be submitted to Gov. Wolf by Feb. 9. Wolf must sign off on it by Feb.15. The map "shall consist of: congressional districts composed of compact and contiguous territory; as nearly equal in population as practicable; and which do not divide any county, city, incorporated town, borough, township, or ward, except where necessary to ensure equality of population" says the court ruling.**
- **If legislature and Wolf can't agree on map by middle of February, the courts will draw the maps with the parties to the lawsuit invited to submit proposal before then.**
- The special election in the 18th district scheduled for March 13th (old map) will be allowed to proceed.

- Strategists and consultants say their phones are ringing. **Democratic consultants say they could pick up 3-4 congressional seats. Philadelphia suburbs are particularly vulnerable: Costello, Meehan, Fitzpatrick.**
- Mark Harris, a Republican consultant based in PA, says: “I think every Republican elected official should assume the [state] Supreme Court is out to get them, and they should act accordingly.”
- Author believes **Meehan’s district, D7, could wind up on chopping block.** [editorial: Duh.]
- **Filing deadline for congressional candidates is March 6th with the primary on May 15.**
- <https://www.politico.com/story/2018/01/22/pennsylvania-congressional-map-court-ruling-357269>

Court Orders New Pennsylvania Congressional District Map, Says it Favored GOP

- Eric Bradner, 1/22/18, CNN
- Current GOP-drawn districts described by PA Supreme Court as “clearly, plainly and palpably” violate the state’s constitution. Must be redrawn in 3 weeks.
- Same news.
- Two districts described as all but certain to see major changes: Meehan’s and Costello’s.
- <https://www.cnn.com/2018/01/22/politics/pennsylvania-congressional-district-map-thrown-out-gerrymandering/index.html>

Pa. Supreme Court Throws Out Congressional Maps

- Bridget Bowman, 1/22/18, RollCall
- Nothing not covered in other articles.
- <https://www.rollcall.com/news/politics/congressional-map-pennsylvania>

How Will the Lancaster-Based 16th District Lines, Candidates Be Affected When Congressional District Map is Thrown Out, Redrawn?

- Sam Janesch, 1/24/18, CitizenTribune
- Author hypothesizes new shape of D16 (R-Smucker). Suggests that 16th might cover most of Lancaster County and take back more of Western Chester County (back when Joe Pitts was around). Suggests that changes to the 7th district are even harder to predict. NYT report suggested 7th likely to turn more democratic. Meanwhile the 16th might end up more republican.
- Observes that **Smucker and Meehan and 8 other PA Republican congressman issued a joint statement opposing the PA Supreme Courts decision.**
- http://www.citizentribune.com/how-will-the-lancaster-based-th-district-lines-candidates-be/article_957f2d7c-09be-5815-8441-781c0aa488b2.html

POLS ON THE STREET: Goofy, Donald Duck Are Kicked Out

- Joe Shaheeli, 1/25/18, Philadelphia Public Record
- Observes that with this ruling, both **incumbents and challengers are “stymied in their campaign planning”**. Bob Brady (D-Philadelphia) says he’s on hold and so is everyone else, regardless of what they say. **“Nobody knows what district they’re going to be in. You can’t set up canvassing operation, media plans, local liaisons until you know where you’re running.”**
- Describes Lt. Gov. Mike Stack’s map (based on mathematical professional) as an easy path forward.
- Reminds us that congressional candidates don’t have to live in their districts.
- <http://www.phillyrecord.com/2018/01/pols-on-the-street-goofy-donald-duck-are-kicked-out/>

Pa. GOP Asks SCOTUS to Block Redistricting Order; Pat Meehan Won't Run Again

- Laura Olson, 1/26/18, The Morning Call
- A couple tidbits of additional info in this article. **Republicans have rejected the direction to revise the 2011 map. Say too little time left before May primary. Their request to the US Supreme Court to stop the redistricting includes a response request by Jan.31**
- <http://www.mcall.com/news/nationworld/pennsylvania/capitol-ideas/mc-nws-pa-redistricting-scotus-susan-wild-bob-casey-sotu-20180126-story.html>

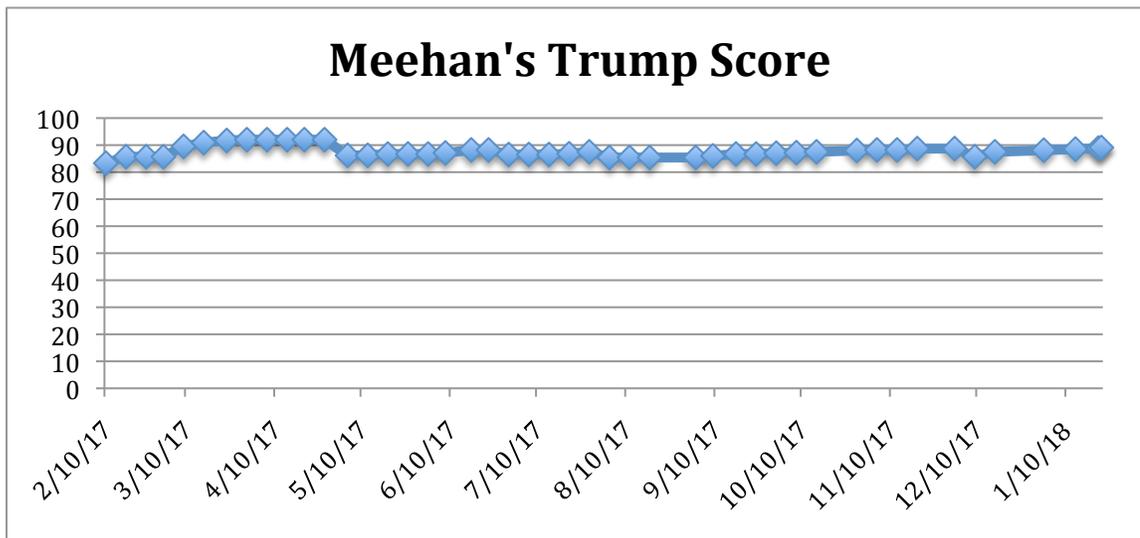
The State Supreme Court's Map Slap

- Sandy Hingston, 1/27/18, Philadelphia Magazine
- Opinion piece supporting the PA Supreme Court ruling. Includes reference to a Rolling Stone article explaining the difference between the PA case and other US Supreme Court cases. The author supports the call to redistrict immediately, before the primaries.
- And **D7 is always the poster child of these discussions.** The author connects the gerrymander case with now "beleaguered Congressman" Meehan. Includes long not-exactly articulate quote from Meehan.
- <http://www.phillymag.com/news/2018/01/27/gerrymandering-pennsylvania-7th-district/>

Meehan General Floor Votes 1/21 – 1/28

Five Thirty-Eight's Trump Score for Meehan as of 1/28/18 = 89.1%

Meehan's votes against party score (per pro publica) = 11.2%



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

Not in session last week.

Meehan Select Committee Activities 1/21 – 1/28

WAYS AND MEANS:

Hearing on “The Opioid Crisis: The Current Landscape and CMS Actions to Prevent Opioid Misuse”

JANUARY 17, 2018 — HEARING

Hearing Information Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 10:00 AM in Room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building Hearing Advisory Witness List Gary L. Cantrell Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of the Inspector General, ...

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ETHICS:

While not ON the committee anymore, Meehan is now being investigated BY the committee.

Statement of the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics Regarding Representative Patrick Meehan

JAN 22, 2018

Pursuant to Committee Rule 7(g), the Chairwoman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Ethics (Committee) determined to release the following statement:

<https://ethics.house.gov/sites/ethics.house.gov/files/20180118%20Public%20Statement.pdf>

Other Meehan Congress Stuff 1/21 – 1/28

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

COSPONSORED:

Nothing new.

INTRODUCED -

Nothing new.

Meehan Web Site/Press Releases 1/21 – 1/28

Statement from Office of Rep. Meehan

Jan 22, 2018

Press Release

Statement from John Elizandro, Communications Director for Congressman Patrick Meehan:

"Congressman Meehan denies the allegations. Throughout his career he has always treated his colleagues, male and female, with the utmost respect and professionalism.

"In this case, the employee, represented by counsel, made certain assertions of inappropriate behavior which were investigated. With respect to resolving any allegation made against the office, Congressman Meehan would only act with advice of House Counsel and consistent with House Ethics Committee guidance. Every step of the process was handled ethically and appropriately. At Congressman Meehan's request, the congressional attorneys handling the case have asked the complainant's counsel to release all parties from the confidentiality requirements of the agreement to ensure a full and open airing of all the facts. The Congressman is hopeful that they will agree to this request for full transparency.

"Rep. Meehan believes there must be real reform to the process for resolving complaints so that those who are truly wronged are given a fair forum to be heard and vindicated, and those accused are provided with an ability to respond to baseless accusations. The public to whom elected officials are answerable must be provided with a true sense of the facts and circumstances involved."

<https://meehan.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/statement-from-office-of-rep-meehan>

Meehan Tweets 1/21 – 1/28

No Tweets this week.

Meehan FaceBook 1/21 – 1/28

No new FaceBook posts.

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 17th, around 8pm (I think on the 18th).
 - 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 (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 PARTY	\$78,925.47	\$48,243.69
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

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Total raised

[Browse receipts](#)

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,027,096.60
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,005,967.14
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
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	\$0.00

TOTAL LOANS RECEIVED	\$0.00
Loans made by candidate	\$0.00
Other loans	\$0.00
OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$15,527.45
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$5,602.01

Total spent

[Browse disbursements](#)

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

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

Cash summary

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

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

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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

[Browse receipts](#)

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$718,169.13
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$699,202.14
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
TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AUTHORIZED COMMITTEES	\$0.00
TOTAL LOANS RECEIVED	\$0.00
Loans made by candidate	\$0.00

Other loans	\$0.00
OFFSETS TO OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$15,441.45
OTHER RECEIPTS	\$3,525.54

Total spent

Browse disbursements

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

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

Cash summary

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

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

Back to current Meehan, from Open Secrets:

Top Contributors, 2017 - 2018

Contributor	Total	Individuals	PACs
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

Industry	Total	Individuals	PACs
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

Sector	Total
Agribusiness	\$7,000
Communications/Electronics	\$42,000
Construction	\$33,000
Defense	\$22,000
Energy & Natural Resources	\$64,750
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$224,500
Health	\$124,150
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$19,750
Transportation	\$37,500
Misc Business	\$101,000
Labor	\$68,000
Ideological/Single-Issue	\$36,050
Other	\$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.”