

Chris Pappas Talking Points

Biography:

Before Congress Chris ran his family's 108-year-old landmark restaurant business in Manchester, working shoulder-to-shoulder with staff and serving generations of Granite Staters. He has brought that same work ethic to politics when he saw a system that wasn't working for everyday people.

Chris served three terms on New Hampshire's Executive Council, where he fought to expand Medicaid, invest in renewable energy, and protect funding for Planned Parenthood.

Since 2018 Chris has held one of the most competitive Congressional seats in the country by focusing on delivering results for Granite Staters. In Congress Chris has taken on the tough fights: pushing tax cuts for working families and small businesses, cracking down on predatory companies that target veterans and pollute our water, and standing up to Big Pharma to lower drug costs. He's earned a reputation as a pragmatic problem solver who puts people first and never backs down from a fight.

The descendant of Greek immigrants, Chris attended public schools in Manchester before graduating from Harvard. He made history as the first out gay person to represent New Hampshire in Congress. In Washington, Chris is known as someone who brings people together and does what it takes to make a difference. In the Senate he'll keep standing up to political extremists and special interests who threaten our democracy, our economy, and our way of life. Chris lives in Manchester with his husband, Vann. They enjoy running, playing competitive board games, and spending time with their nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Priorities:

Affordability	<i>Healthcare Affordability</i> → On Executive Council, Pappas expanded Medicaid to bring down care costs and expand access for tens of thousands in the state → Fighting in Congress to restore ACA premium tax credit → In Congress fought for capping the cost of insulin at
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	\$35 and limit out-of-pocket expenses for seniors <i>Economy</i> → Fighting Trump tariffs and push to reimburse small businesses → Fought for first time home buyer tax credits → Introduced legislation to provide cost of living increases for veterans and military families → Voted to invest in domestic energy production
Labor	→ Introduced and fought to pass the PRO Act which protects collective bargaining and holds corporations accountable for violating those rights → Passed a bipartisan bill in the House to cut red tape to let veterans easily access training in critical needed industries
Public Education	→ Supports increasing access to Pell Grants an affordable community college → Supports debt forgiveness for students who enter high-demand careers like nursing → Pushed to strengthen career training and apprenticeship programs → Led the fight to restore the \$27 million in federal education funds for the state
Support Local Law Enforcement	→ Introduced legislation to redirect ICE's \$75 billion slush fund to local law enforcement → Voted for millions in federal funding to hire and retain first responders and acquire modern firefighting safety equipment
Environment	→ Secured federal funding to bolster NH's clean energy infrastructure on EV infrastructure and home weatherization → Passed the largest climate change legislation– the Inflation Reduction Act → Championed vital climate resilience in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law → Led the charge in Congress to address PFAS contamination and protect communities from these “forever chemicals”
Equal Rights & LGBTQ+	→ Introduced the Serve Act to restore VA benefits → Introduced and fought for passage of the Respect for Marriage Act that ensures federal protections for

	marriage equality if SCOTUS reverses <i>Obergefell</i>
Abortion	→ On Executive Council led the fight to restore funding for Planned Parenthood → Helped pass <i>Women's Health Protection Act</i> in wake of <i>Dobbs</i> → Introduced legislation to reaffirm the right to travel across state lines for abortion care → Introduced federal funding to protect and expand federal family planning and preventative health services
National Security	→ Supported bipartisan security assistance for Israel and voted for more than \$9 billion in humanitarian aid to Gaza → Worked to safeguard American manufacturing and fought to pass the CHIPS Act
Seniors	→ Worked to expand and strengthen Medicare → Introduced legislation to remove barriers for low-income seniors to get access to low cost prescriptions through Part D → Opposed the "Big Beautiful bill" which threatened to cut \$500 billion and strip medicaid funding for nursing homes
Small Business	→ Led the fight in Congress to help rural entrepreneurs by increasing access to capital and cutting taxes for small businesses → Pushed back against Trump's reckless tariffs → Wrote the bill to eliminate the largest federal excise tax on new trucks and trailers to reduce tax burden on small businesses and lower cost for everyday consumers → During the pandemic secured federal funding for 41,000 NH small businesses to help keep their doors open and retain over 120k workers
Housing Crisis	→ Cutting red tape for communities to help build more homes → Provide tax cuts for first time home buyers → Continue to prioritize making housing more accessible and affordable by streamlining bureaucracy, incentivize construction and work with private and public sector leaders
Stop Special	→ Not taking any money from Corporate PACs

Interests	→ Supports overturning <i>Citizens United</i> → Supports a lifetime ban on former members of Congress lobbying for foreign governments → Led the effort to force a house vote (despite resistance from both parties' leadership) to pass legislation that would ban members of Congress from trading stocks and getting rich off of insider information
Immigration	→ Joined community leaders and citizens to successfully stop the Merrimack ICE detention facility → Co-introduced the Comprehensive Southern Border Strategy Act to secure the border and enhance coordination between state and local officials → Wrote the bill to redirect ICE's \$75 billion slush fund to local law enforcement → Helped pass legislation to support and strengthen protections for DREAMERS
Veterans & Service Members	→ Leading the charge to bring a full service VA medical center to NH → Instrumental in passing the <i>PACT Act</i>, landmark legislation that expanded VA benefit for 3.5 million veterans exposed to Agent Orange and burn pits