



***Honorable Cheri Bustos, AACI/Mercury***

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Cheri Bustos is an American journalist, healthcare executive, and politician who served as the U.S. representative from Illinois's 17<sup>th</sup> congressional district from 2013-2023. A member of the Democratic Party, she is the first woman elected to Congress from her district in the northwestern part of the state, anchored by the Illinois side of the Quad Cities and partially including Peoria and Rockford. In 2019, Bustos became chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC).

Elected to the East Moline City Council in 2007, Bustos defeated Republican Party incumbent Bobby Schilling in the 2012 election and a 2014 rematch. In 2021, Bustos and Senator Dick Durbin were the only Democrats in Illinois's congressional delegation who are not from the Chicago area.

In 2023, Bustos joined the Washington D.C.-based public affairs and lobbying firm Mercury Public Affairs as a consultant.