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## Committees

Congressman Chris Murphy is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and its Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee. He also serves on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee and its Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and Procurement Reform and Health Care, District of Columbia, Census and the National Archives Subcommittees.

The Foreign Affairs Committee is the lead body in the House of Representatives on foreign policy and diplomatic engagement around the world. With oversight over the State Department, the United States Agency for International Development, and the country's role at the United Nations, Murphy will be part of the debate on crucial national security and foreign policy affairs.

Murphy chose to serve on the Middle East and South Asia subcommittee so that he could take a lead role on the issues facing these regions and their impact on the United States. The Fifth District is also home to a diverse constituency of Lebanese-American, Turkish-American, Pakistani-American, Indian-American, and Bangladeshi-American communities who care deeply about American foreign policy as it relates to their ancestry. In his first four years in office, Murphy has visited Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Qatar, Kuwait, and Pakistan.

Murphy is also a member of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is the main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and has broad jurisdiction over federal government management. The committee's high-profile hearings have covered subjects from reconstruction in Iraq, to the state of our economy, to pharmaceutical marketing practices.

On this powerful committee, Murphy plays a role in investigating and proposing solutions to the nation's most pressing issues, including the management of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, job creation, and the need for open and effective government. Through this committee, Murphy has pushed to make common sense reforms to strengthen our Buy America laws and protect Connecticut's manufacturing firms.