

Speaker Bios

Bob Menendez

Bob Menendez serves as the senior Senator for the State of New Jersey. A strong advocate for the people, Senator Menendez is a member of the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee and the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development. He also serves on the Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection Subcommittee and the Securities, Insurance, and Investments Subcommittee. The Committee oversees issues related to banking, insurance, financial markets, securities, housing, urban development and mass transit, international trade and finance, and economic policy.

Bill Cassidy

As the senior Senator for the State of Louisiana, Bill Cassidy has been a strong advocate for financial transparency and issues pertaining to state and local governments. He led a heroic effort during the response to Hurricane Katrina and holds valuable insight into the role state and local governments play in crisis management. Notably, he is a member of the United States Senate Committee on Finance, the United States Senate Joint Economic Committee, and the United States Senate Committee on Health Education Labor & Pensions.

Dutch Ruppersberger

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger is serving his 9th term in the United States House of Representatives for the citizens of Maryland's 2nd District. He founded the bipartisan Municipal Finance Caucus to discuss opportunities and challenges facing states and local governments to independently fund initiatives that strengthen their communities, and to advocate for bipartisan policies that enhance their access to the capital markets. He has also been a strong advocate for restoring Advanced Refunding.

Steve Stivers

Currently serving his 5th term as a Member of Congress and representing Ohio's 15th Congressional District, Steve Stivers has been a champion for state and local government efforts and issues on municipal finance. He co-chairs the Municipal Finance Caucus and is serving his 4th term on the Financial Services Committee, which oversees the banking, insurance, real estate, public and assisted housing and securities industries. He has also been a strong advocate for the restoration of advanced refunding.

Brad Schneider

Representing Illinois's 10th District in the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Brad Schneider is a member of the House Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Small Businesses. He is committed to advocating for state and local governments in receiving the resource they need.

Kent Hiteshew

A veteran muni banker and former Treasury official, Kent Hiteshew recently joined the Federal Reserve to assist in their municipal market expertise.