

Marsha Blackburn

Marsha Blackburn was raised in Laurel, Mississippi and attended Mississippi State University. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Home Economics. Blackburn worked in sales before becoming the owner of an event management firm named Marketing Strategies in 1978. Blackburn unsuccessfully campaigned for the U.S. House of Representative in 1992, but in 1998 ran for Tennessee State Senate and was successful. She became the first woman ever elected to the Tennessee State Senate. After four years she once again ran for the U.S. House of Representatives. This time she won a seat and has represented her district for 15 years.



Blackburn's Positions

Healthcare: Blackburn opposes the Affordable Care Act and voted to repeal it, in part or in whole, over 20 times. She instead supports Health Savings Accounts and an open healthcare market.

"The sooner we repeal [the Affordable Care Act], the better."
- Twitter, September 25, 2016

"Expanding Health Savings Accounts, Association Health Plans and Across State Line purchase will allow Tennesseans more flexibility when it comes to their health insurance. These are provisions I will continue to support as your senator to give you more choice and options for achieving better health outcomes."

-Per the Tennessean, August 2, 2018

Education: Blackburn supports charter schools and voucher programs. She opposes the Common Core curriculum.

"Tennessee's conservative common sense approaches should be applied to education, and that includes: expanding school choice, increasing charter school options, making homeschooling easier, and supporting state and local control of education."

- Per the Tennessean, August 2, 2018

Voting Record

Supported ADA Education and Reform Act (HR 620, 2018)

Supported repealing the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (HR 2, 2011; HR 6079, 2012; HR 45, 2013; and more)

Supported resolution against Common Core (HR 476, 2014)

Supported defunding the Children's Health Insurance Program (HR 244, 2017)