

Erik Paulsen Biography

Congressman Erik Paulsen represented Minnesota's Third Congressional District from 2009 –2019. He served as a leading member on the chief tax writing House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over health care, economic and trade policy.

Erik also was the Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, focusing on innovation, entrepreneurship, access to capital, digital trade and key economic issues, while working with the President's Council of Economic Advisors and Federal Reserve Board.



Erik served as co-chair of the House Medical Technology Caucus and was the premier leader and advocate for the medical technology industry, the lifesaving technologies it provides to patients, and the hundreds of thousands of jobs it supports.

In addition, Erik was a member of the Deputy Whip Team and co-chaired the Digital Trade Caucus and the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Caucus to promote trade with Europe.

In 2019, Paulsen served as co-chair of the Pass USMCA Coalition, a group of trade associations, businesses and advocacy groups working together to ensure swift passage of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. He is an independent director on the boards of Cardiovascular Solutions, Inc. and Pediatric Home Service, Inc., and is the Chairman of the Institute for Gene Therapies. Erik also is a Strategic Advisor at Total Spectrum/Steve Gordon & Associates, a government affairs firm. In addition, Erik is a board member of the Economic Club of Minnesota.

Prior to his service in Congress, Rep. Paulsen was a member of the Minnesota State Legislature, where he served as House Majority Leader.

Erik has over 16 years of business experience, including working as a business analyst at Target Corporation. He received his B.A. in mathematics from St. Olaf College and resides in Eden Prairie with his wife and their four daughters.