



John Garamendi (Ethiopia '66-'68)

California's 8th Congressional District

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Link to their campaign: <https://www.garamendi.org/>

Representative John Garamendi was raised on his family's ranch in Mokelumne Hill, California. Garamendi received his B.A in business from UC Berkeley where he was a Wheeler Scholar, second team All America offensive guard in football, two-time all Pacific Coast Conference team, and the 1964 West Coast heavyweight wrestling champion.

Upon graduating, he married his college sweetheart Patti, and they entered the Peace Corps in Ethiopia. After returning from the Peace Corps, he attended Harvard Business School, where he received his MBA.

Elected to Congress in 2009, he seeks to address the fundamental issues that face all Americans: job creation, fixing a broken economy, access to affordable health care, protecting Social Security and Medicare, and cleaning up Wall Street.

Garamendi sits on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee as a senior member, working to ensure needed transportation and infrastructure investments to create American jobs and enhance domestic manufacturing. As a member of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Conference Committee, Garamendi is part of a bipartisan bicameral delegation responsible for shaping the nation's water infrastructure policies.

Garamendi was a founding member of the Peace Corps Caucus and a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee. He continues to protect and expand programs that serve our nation in times of war and peace. Garamendi also serves as the Chairman of the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness.

Promoting policies that create jobs in Northern California, Garamendi has become the leading advocate for the Make It In America program to strengthen manufacturing. He is the author of four Make It In America bills that require that our tax money be spent on American-made equipment and jobs.