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Hon. Christopher P. Carney



Christopher Carney was a Member of the United States Congress for two terms, representing Pennsylvania's 10th Congressional district from 2007 to 2011. During his tenure in Congress, he served as a member of the Homeland Security Committee and as the Chairman of the Management, Investigations, and Oversight Subcommittee. In that capacity, he was able to review operations, plans, and the future direction of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and had a direct role in guiding and developing the first Quadrennial Homeland Security Review.

Additionally, as the second-ranking member of the Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, Congressman Carney worked with DHS and the National Counterterrorism Center to develop policies pertaining to both international and domestic terrorism. He was instrumental in helping DHS create and sustain Regional Fusion Centers to help state and local law enforcement officials have a more active role in homeland security. Congressman Carney was also a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, serving on the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, as well as the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, and the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Navy Reserve in 1995, Congressman Carney has served as an intelligence officer for over 15 years. Currently, holding the rank of Commander, he is a combat Mission Operation Commander (MOC) for the MQ-1 Predator, the MQ-9 Reaper, and RQ-4 Global Hawk ISR platforms. He has earned many personal awards including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Joint Service Achievement Medals, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Prior to running for Congress, he worked at the Pentagon on strategic analysis of global terrorist threats, providing Red Cell alternative analyses of threats posed by al-Qaida and its affiliated groups. He ran DoD's Policy Counterterrorism Evaluation Group (PCTEG), was part of the Abu Musab Zarqawi working group at the White House, and was the "Special Projects" intelligence officer for two tours during Operation Southern Watch, working closely with the J2 and General Victor "Gene" Renuart. In that time on Southern Watch he also worked very closely with members of the British Army and Air Force on low-visibility, high-impact intelligence sorties.

Congressman Carney was also a tenured professor of political science specializing in international relations at Penn State University, where he wrote, published, and presented dozens of academic papers pertaining to international political economy and power relationships. With extensive expertise in security issues and international relations, the Congressman understands the close link between reducing global demand for oil and maintaining international security. He is also keenly aware of the need to bring fresh water supplies across the globe to avoid resource-based wars as well as for humanitarian purposes.

Congressman Carney earned his BSS in U.S. Diplomatic History and Environmental Science from Cornell College, a Master's degree from the University of Wyoming in International Studies, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.