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About Congressman Brian Baird (D-WA)

Congressman Brian Baird was sworn in to serve the people of Washington State's Third Congressional District in 1998. He currently serves on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he serves on the *Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee* and the *Highways and Transit Subcommittee*. Baird is also a member of the Science and Budget Committees. Through his work on these committees, Brian helps secure critical funding for Southwest Washington's infrastructure, environment and educational needs. His work on the Budget Committee grants him top-level access to fiscal policy decision making while working to create the federal budget resolutions that govern spending throughout the nation.

Congressman Baird brings a unique perspective to the U.S. House of Representatives as a clinical psychologist who has practiced in Washington State and Oregon. Brian also taught at the university level and is a former chairman of the Department of Psychology at Pacific Lutheran University. Prior to his election, Dr. Baird worked in state and Veterans Administration psychiatric hospitals, community mental health clinics, substance abuse treatment programs, institutions for juvenile offenders and head injury rehabilitation programs. He is the primary sponsor of the Sales Tax Equity Act -- legislation which would allow Washington State residents to deduct their state sales tax on their federal income tax forms. Congressman Baird is also an outspoken advocate for health care issues, combating the plague of methamphetamine and ensuring the continuity of the United States Congress.

Dr. Baird received his B.S. from the University of Utah, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1977. He continued on to the University of Wyoming, receiving his M.S. and PhD in clinical psychology. He has published a number of journal articles and has authored two books: *The Internship and Practicum Handbook* and *Are We Having Fun Yet?*, which combines his love of the outdoors with practical psychological advice for couples and families involved in skiing, hiking or other outdoor pursuits. Baird currently resides in Vancouver and is married to Rachel Nugent, an economist with the National Institutes of Health, specializing in international health care needs.