

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robyn Porter

State Representative
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Since winning the 94th Assembly District seat, State Rep. Robyn Porter has championed efforts to reform Connecticut's criminal justice system, strengthen equal rights and increase protections for domestic violence victims.

Porter was first elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives in April 2014 after a special election.

As chairwoman of the Labor & Public Employees Committee, Porter has advocated for legislation that would increase the state's minimum wage and establish a paid family medical leave system. In 2017, at the state level, Porter continued her efforts to support working families by leading House passage of a bill that would have strengthened gender pay equity legislation on the books since 1963.

During the 2017 regular legislative session, Porter led passage of House Bill 6668 which amends Connecticut statute to strengthen current protections for pregnant women.

In addition to serving as chairwoman of the labor committee, Porter also serves as a member of the Judiciary and Appropriations Committees. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, Porter supported legislation that prohibits a judge from setting bail for those charged with misdemeanors and outlaws the solitary confinement of minors.

Porter, who graduated with an A.S. from Gateway Community College, later went on to obtain her B.A. in Criminal Justice from Charter Oak State College. Both degrees were completed with high honors. She also was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International and the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor societies.

Porter, who was employed by the Communication Workers of America from 2001 to 2017, is a longtime community activist who served as co-chairwoman of the Steering Committee for the Newhallville Community Resilience Team (NCRT). During her tenure at NCRT, the committee focused on increasing public safety by building social cohesion.

Porter is the proud parent of two adult children and grandparent to three grandchildren – Amir, Alana and Zavion. She has been a New Haven, Connecticut resident since 2000.