



First elected to Congress in 2014 and overwhelmingly re-elected in 2016 and 2018, Congressman John Katko is a former federal prosecutor and Central New York native. John is a thoughtful, responsive, and independent public servant who has been a steadfast advocate for his entire community in Congress.

John spent over twenty years in his role as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, prosecuting corrupt politicians, business frauds, drug traffickers, and gang members and making our community safer for every Central New York family. In Congress, he's continuing that fight. He's worked to keep our community safe, to grow our local economy and strengthen infrastructure, and to combat the devastating heroin and synthetic drug epidemic.

In Congress, John serves on the Transportation & Infrastructure Committee and the Homeland Security Committee, where he chairs the Transportation Security Subcommittee. During his first term, John was ranked the most productive Freshmen Member in all of Congress, with 15 bipartisan bills passed the House with 6 signed into law.

John attended Bishop Ludden High School in Syracuse and graduated cum laude from both Niagara University and Syracuse University College of Law. Shortly after law school, John began his career in public service as an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and then with the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served twenty years.

John served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia and then with the DOJ's Criminal Division, Narcotic & Dangerous Drug Section in Washington, D.C. before he and his wife, Robin, returned home to Central New York to raise their family. John brought his experience as a Senior Trial Attorney prosecuting major drug traffickers across the country to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of New York. Based in Syracuse, John served as Supervisor of the Narcotics Section before rising to the concurrent positions of Narcotics Chief, Organized Drug Enforcement Task Force Coordinator, Binghamton Office Supervisor, Team Leader, and Grand Jury Coordinator.

John was instrumental in the creation of the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force, which successfully reduced violence crime and improved the quality of life in targeted neighborhoods within the Syracuse community. John brought the first-ever successful RICO gang prosecutions to Syracuse, and his prosecutorial and law enforcement work has received local, national, and international attention. His decorated service has been marked with recognitions and awards from multiple U.S. Attorneys General, the Director of the FBI, and the Syracuse Police Department.

In January 2014, John retired from the U.S. Department of Justice to run for Congress as the endorsed Republican, Independent, and Conservative Party candidate.



John and his wife Robin reside in Camillus, New York with their three sons and black lab, Sadie. The Katkos are parishioners of Saint Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and John has been involved in community organizations such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Onondaga County Foster Parent Program, and the Camillus Youth Hockey Association, where he coached hockey for 15 years.

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