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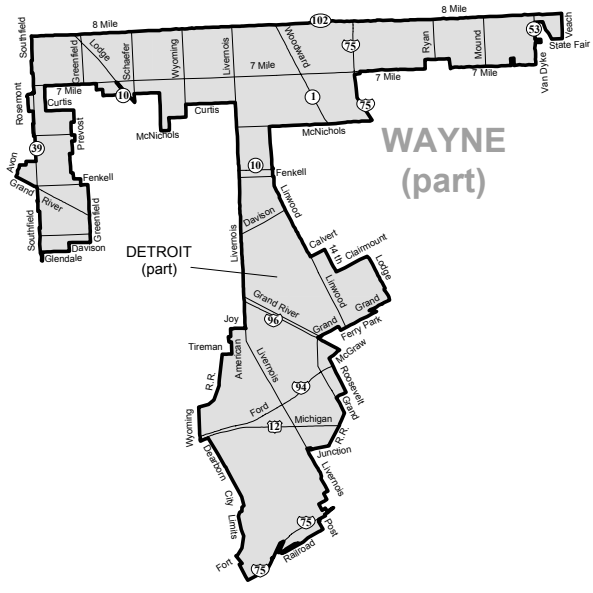
Committees: Economic Development and Regulatory Reform (Minority Vice Chair); Energy Policy and Public Utilities; Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies

Biography: Democrat, of Detroit; born January 28, 1969; University of Pennsylvania; construction manager, Parkside Building Company and Avis Tech Park Partners; senior legislative assistant, Congresswoman Barbara-Rose Collins; Detroit campaign director, Bob Carr for U.S. Senate; founding member, Independent Policy Group; member, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Iota Boulé, Detroit Chapter; Brawley Fellow, National Boulé Foundation; Trade Union Leadership Council; advisory committees, Plowshare Theater Company, American Diabetes Association; Public Arts Committee member, Detroit 300; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; NAACP; board of directors, Michigan Humane Society; received Recognition for Leadership and Vision from ArtServe Michigan, Recognition for Outstanding Leadership from Alliance for a Safer, Greater Detroit, Legislator of the Year from Diabetes and Kidney Health Care Organization, Award for Legislative Accomplishment from Downtown Detroit, Inc., Award for Outstanding Support and Community Involvement from Fitzgerald Community Council, Friend of Youth Award from Metro Detroit Optimist Club, State Legislator of the Year from Michigan Association of Regions, Outstanding Leadership and Advocacy on Behalf of Children from Michigan Association of School Psychologists, Distinguished Legislative Service from Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, Legislator of Year from Michigan Municipal League, Recognition for Superior Achievement from Michigan Youth Arts Festival; Advantage Health Care Help and Hope Award; Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, Distinguished Service; Karmanos Cancer Institute 14th Annual Heroes of Breast Cancer Award; Michigan Association of Health Plans, 2005 Legislator of the Year; Real Detroit, Best Detroit Politician '04; Real Detroit, Most Dedicated Detroiter '03; Wayne State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Community Peacemaker Award; elected to the House of Representatives, 1996, 1998, 2000; House Democratic Leader; 2002 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award from School Psychologists; elected to the State Senate, 2002, 2006; Senate Democratic Floor Leader.