



*May Day for the Uninsured:
Will We Ever Achieve Health Care for All?*

Biographies

Congressman Pete Stark has served in Congress since 1973. A senior member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, Stark was Chairman of its Health Subcommittee between 1985 and 1994 and is currently ranking minority member on the Subcommittee.

Stark was a successful businessman and banker before being elected to Congress in 1972. Upon entering Congress, he served on the House Banking and Currency Committee. After completing his second term, Stark was named to the Ways and Means Committee, whose scope includes taxes, Medicare, Social Security, trade and public assistance.

While Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, Stark became known as one of the nation's foremost advocates of tax reform and served a critical role in shaping the 1986 historic tax reform law. He has been a constant voice for tax fairness and has opposed corporate loopholes in the income tax laws.

In January of 1985, Stark became the Chairman of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee. During his time on the Committee, he has presided over major reforms in the Medicare system. While cutting billions of dollars in excessive and wasteful outlays, Stark has expanded benefits for the 35 million beneficiaries, provided COBRA health continuation benefits to younger workers, and made numerous improvements in the quality of the nation's health care. He continues to fight for universal health coverage.

Stark also currently serves as the senior House Democrat on the Joint Economic Committee. Under Stark's direction, the Joint Economic Committee has produced reports for policymakers on current topics such as minimum wage increases, the economic impact of the government shutdown, and the effects of the Balanced Budget Amendment on seniors and low-income Americans.

Throughout his career in Congress, Stark has been a consistent advocate for peace, freedom of choice, and environmental preservation. He has been a tireless advocate for

children, the elderly and the disabled as well as for the workers of the 13th Congressional District. The 13th Congressional District is a diverse area stretching along the east side of the San Francisco Bay from Oakland to San Jose.

Stark is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a degree in engineering and the University of California, Berkeley with a Master's degree in Business Administration (MBA).

In 1963, he founded Security National Bank in Walnut Creek. The bank grew from a small storefront operation to a \$100 million financial institution with branches in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Stark sold his interest in the bank after his election to Congress. Before his business career, Stark served in the U.S. Air Force. His other civic activities have included: Director, Common Cause; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Starr King School of Ministry; Board Member, Housing Development Corporation; Board Member, Council for Civic Unity, and many others.

Stark has four daughters, three sons, and eight grandchildren. He is married to Deborah Roderick Stark of San Lorenzo.

James J. Mongan, MD, is President and Chief Executive Officer of Partners HealthCare, a position he assumed on January 1, 2003. He is also Professor of Health Care Policy and Professor of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School.

From 1996-2002, Dr. Mongan served as President of Massachusetts General Hospital, the largest and oldest teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School. MGH is consistently ranked among the top few hospitals in the nation and oversees the largest research program of any hospital or medical center in the United States.

Before his tenure at MGH, Dr. Mongan served 15 years as Executive Director of the Truman Medical Center in Kansas City and as Dean of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. Prior to that, he spent 11 years in Washington, DC. He served as a staff member of the United States Senate Committee on Finance for seven years, working on Medicare and Medicaid legislation, and he served in the Carter Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health and then at the White House as Associate Director of the Domestic Policy Staff.

Dr. Mongan is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He chairs the Commonwealth Fund Health Care Reform Program Advisory Committee. He has served on the Board of Trustees of the American Hospital Association, the Kaiser Family Foundation and was a member of the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission of the US Congress.

A native of San Francisco, Dr. Mongan received his undergraduate education at the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, and his medical degree from

Stanford University Medical School. He completed his internship at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in San Francisco and served two years in the public health service.

Judy Feder, PhD, is Professor and Dean of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute. She is one of the nation's leaders in health policy--most particularly, in efforts to understand and improve the nation's health insurance system. A widely published scholar, her three decades of policy research began at the Brookings Institution, continued at the Urban Institute, and, since 1984, has flourished at Georgetown University. Her expertise on the uninsured, Medicare, Medicaid, and long-term care is regularly drawn upon by members of Congress, Executive officials, and the national media.

Feder has also held leadership policy positions, both in the Congress and in the Executive Branch. As staff director of the congressional Pepper Commission (chaired by Senator John D. Rockefeller IV), Feder is widely credited with setting the stage for the health reform debate of the 1990s. She became a key actor in that debate, as a senior official in the Clinton Administration. In her three years as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary at Health and Human Services, Feder helped shape the Administration's health care policy, working intensively with members of Congress and with the national media to promote the expansion of health care coverage.

Feder today pursues her policy leadership first and foremost by educating future policy leaders at Georgetown's Public Policy Institute. She continues her research as co-director (with Sheila Burke) of the Georgetown University Long-term Care Financing Project and as senior advisor to the Kaiser Family Foundation's Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured and a member of the Commonwealth Task Force on the Uninsured.

Feder is past-President and board member of AcademyHealth; a Policy Council Member of the Academy of Public Policy and Management; an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, the National Academy of Public Administration and the National Academy of Social Insurance.

Feder is a political scientist, with a B.A. from Brandeis University (1968) and a Master's (1970) and Ph.D. (1977) from Harvard University.

Jeanne Lambrew, PhD, is a Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and an associate professor at George Washington University where she teaches health policy and conducts policy-relevant research on the uninsured, Medicaid, Medicare, and long-term care.

Dr. Lambrew worked on health policy at the White House from 1997 through 2001, as the Program Associate Director for Health at the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) and as the Senior Health Analyst at the National Economic Council. In these roles, she helped coordinate health policy development, evaluated legislative proposals, and conducted and managed analyses and cost estimates with OMB, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Treasury Department, the Labor Department and other relevant agencies.

She was the White House lead on drafting and implementing the Children's Health Insurance Program and helped develop the President's Medicare reform plan, initiative on long-term care, and other health care proposals. She also worked at the Department of Health and Human Services during the 1993-1994 health reform efforts, and coordinated analyses of budget proposals in 1995.

Prior to serving at the White House, Dr. Lambrew was an assistant professor of public policy at Georgetown University (1996). She received her masters and Ph.D. from the Department of Health Policy, School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and B.A. from Amherst College.

Uwe E. Reinhardt, Ph.D., is the James Madison Professor of Political Economy, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Medicine, Princeton University and author of *Physician Productivity and the Demand for Health Manpower* and co-author of *Improving Health Policy and Management: Nine Critical Research Issues for the 1990s*.

Recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on health care economics, Reinhardt has been a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences since 1978. He is a past president of the Association of Health Services Research. From 1986 to 1995 he served as a commissioner on the Physician Payment Review Committee, established in 1986 by Congress to advise it on issues related to the payment of physicians.

He is a senior associate of the Judge Institute for Management of Cambridge University, UK, and a trustee of Duke University, and the Duke University Health System. Reinhardt is or was a member of numerous editorial boards, among them the Journal of Health Economics, the Milbank Memorial Quarterly, Health Affairs, the New England Journal of Medicine, and the Journal of the American Medical Association. Reinhardt holds a doctorate from Yale University.