



In 2006, **AMY KLOBUCHAR** became the first woman elected to represent the State of Minnesota in the U. S. Senate. As a respected leader - both as chief prosecutor in Minnesota's largest county, and now as a United States Senator, Amy has always embraced the values she learned growing up in Minnesota.

In 1998, after serving as a partner of two of Minnesota's leading law firms, Amy broke new ground as the first woman elected to serve as the Hennepin County prosecutor.

Heading the largest prosecutor's office in the state for eight years, Amy made the prosecution of violent and career criminals her top priority. She was a leading advocate for successful passage of Minnesota's first felony DWI law for which she received a leadership award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Her safe schools initiative, community prosecution efforts and criminal justice reforms earned national awards, including from the U.S. Department of Justice under both the Clinton and Bush Administrations.

In 2006, the people of Minnesota elected Amy to be their United States Senator. On issues from consumer protection to renewable energy; from developing our rural economy to protecting kids on the internet to reforming our government, Amy has been a strong advocate for middle-class families and Minnesota values.

Amy took the lead to pass the most significant consumer product safety legislation in a generation, keeping toxic products off our shores and out of our stores. She acted quickly to obtain full funding for the I-35W bridge, the eight-lane highway which was rebuilt in a record nine months after tragically falling into the Mississippi River. She introduced legislation to secure health and education benefits for our nation's veterans. And she helped pass the most sweeping ethics reform since Watergate.

Amy was the valedictorian of her high school class. She graduated magna cum laude from Yale University and the University of Chicago Law School.

Amy is married to John Bessler, a native of Mankato, who attended Loyola High School and the University of Minnesota. Amy and John have a daughter, Abigail, who is 14.

The Washington Post has described Klobuchar as "a rising star", not to mention "the funniest new member of Congress."

The Star Tribune reported on her substantial progress, citing observers who praised her "a fast-moving legislator with potential to become a party leader."

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