

Kevin C. Kelly

State Senator Kevin C. Kelly was elected Senate Republican Leader in 2020. He represents the 21st Senatorial District which includes the towns of Monroe, Seymour, Shelton and Stratford.

Kevin is the Senate Republican Ranking Member of the Aging Committee, the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, and the Committee on Children. He also serves as a member of the Regulation Review Committee.

As a State Senator, Kevin is an advocate for common sense solutions to reduce government spending and create jobs for middle-class families. He prioritizes environmental stewardship and issues pertaining to Connecticut's senior citizens.

Kevin has made an impact in many substantive areas of law dealing with health insurance and hospitals, Medicaid, Aging in Place initiatives, family caregivers, women's health care, school safety, and consumer protection.



As the ranking member of the Aging Committee, Kevin has worked to improve the lives of seniors by strengthening elder abuse laws and improving aging in place initiatives which encourage independent living with dignity. In 2015, Kevin played an important role in the passage of the CARE Act which requires hospitals to provide caregivers the important information and services they need to care for their loved ones at home upon discharge.

Kevin also takes an active role on the Insurance and Real Estate Committee where he works to increase the access, quality, and affordability of health care in Connecticut. He was central to the enactment of An Act Concerning Life Insurance Producer Licenses which protects insurance consumers from unethical stock brokers. He led efforts to pass historic legislation that establishes pregnancy as a qualifying life event, so pregnant women can obtain health insurance during their pregnancy and access needed prenatal care. In 2020, he was named a "Legislative Champion" by the Radiological Society of Connecticut in recognition of his strong support and advocacy for preventive breast cancer screenings and patient protections. He also has received the award for Outstanding Commitment to Quality Health Care and Patient Access from the Radiological Society of Connecticut (RSC) for his work during the 2012 legislative session during which he co-sponsored legislation that focused on improving access to breast cancer screening.

Additionally, Kevin has worked to make Connecticut a more competitive state as it relates to the captive insurance industry, and in 2016 he was recognized as a 2016 Legislative Champion by the Connecticut Captive Insurance Association.

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Kevin's contributions continue to be recognized by many prestigious awards including Legislative Achievement Awards from AARP (2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016), the Connecticut Association of Optometrists Legislative Award (2013), the Advocate of School Nursing Award (2013) and the Radiological Society of Connecticut's Outstanding Commitment to Quality Health Care and Patient Access Award (2012) and Legislative Champion Award (2020), the Bridgeport Regional Business Council (BRBC) Regional Legislator Impact Award (2015) for being a consistent voice for a pro jobs agenda, the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters Legislative Leader (2015) in recognition of supporting key environmental issues and the Honorary Crew Member Award (2020) from the Connecticut Marine Trades Association for his support businesses along the state's shoreline.

Kevin is also the Director Emeritus of the Southwest Connecticut Agency on Aging.

Kevin is an elder law attorney and the owner of Kevin Kelly & Associates, PC; a Stratford law firm.

Prior to working in private practice, Kevin worked as an investigator for the Department of Social Services for over 13 years.

Kevin earned his bachelor's degree at Assumption College (B.A. 1982), his master's degree at Fairfield University (M.A. 1985), and his law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D. 1997).

He resides in Stratford with his wife Cindy. Their family includes four children and six grandchildren.