



## Illinois Families Under Stress: The Long Term Care Crisis

**Representative Elizabeth Coulson (R)**

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### **Biography:**

State Representative Elizabeth Coulson, of Glenview, Illinois, is currently serving her fifth term in the Illinois General Assembly. Coulson has received numerous awards for her work on issues and legislation affecting seniors, children and the disabled. Representative Coulson recently sponsored and helped pass Illinois' *Abandoned Baby* legislation that provides a safe haven option and immunity for a mother who might otherwise abandon her baby. She has also worked to expand Illinois' prescription drug programs for seniors and the disabled.

Coulson serves in the 94th General Assembly as Spokesperson on the Registration & Regulation Committee and as a member of the Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations, Human Services Appropriations, Aging, Financial Institutions, Human Services and Fee For Service Committees. She also serves on the State's Joint Task Force on Illinois Immigrants and Refugees, the Senior Pharmaceutical Assistance Review Committee, the Early Learning Commission, the Early Intervention Legislative Advisory Committee, the Adequate Health Care Task Force, the Teen Poverty Task Force and the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership.

An alumna of Wellesley College and the University of Kansas (B.S. Education), Coulson holds an Advanced Certificate in Physical Therapy from Northwestern University Medical School, and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management. A Ph.D. Candidate in the School of Public Health, University of Illinois at Chicago in Health Policy and Administration, Coulson has been a physical therapist since 1977.



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**Representative Daniel Beiser (D)**

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### **Biography:**

Dan Beiser was born and raised in Alton, Illinois. He earned his undergraduate degrees in Communications and Recreation & Parks Management from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1978 and began teaching at the Educational Therapy Center in 1981 under the auspices of the Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools. Dan returned to SIU-E in 1986 to earn his graduate degree in Special Education.

Dan was elected to the Alton City Council in 1987, where he focused on improving city services. In 1989, the people of Alton chose Dan to serve as their City Treasurer. Dan went on to be re-elected for three more terms.

In his time in office, Dan has been able to address significant issues facing the Metro-east, including the medical malpractice insurance system; job creation; education funding; workers' compensation reforms; the fight against methamphetamine and sex offenders; and protections for consumers. Dan has also taken a leading role in the fight to provide financial relief for local residents in light of increased electric rates and institute pro-consumer reforms to the state's electric utility system.

A fiscal conservative, Dan has used his expertise in public finance and administration to push for a balanced budget that protects vital services without burdensome sales or income tax increases.

Dan serves as Chair of the House DCFS Oversight Committee and Vice-Chair of the Aging Committee. In addition, Dan serves on the Elections and Campaign Reform, Higher Education, Least Cost Power Procurement, Registration and Regulation, and Transportation and Motor Vehicles Committees.



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### **Biography:**

Julie Hamos was elected as the State Representative of the 18th District in 1998. She is currently serving as Chair of the Mass Transit Committee. She was previously Chair of the Housing and Urban Development Committee and Chair of the House Aviation Committee. Julie also has been appointed to the Governor's Illinois Housing Task Force, Child Support Advisory Committee, the Interagency Council on Early Intervention, the Legislative Audit Commission, and the Illinois Workforce Investment Board.

Long before seeking public office, Julie championed public interest policies and community issues for over 20 years. After receiving her law degree in 1975 from George Washington University in Washington D.C., she became the first staff attorney for a newly formed subcommittee of the powerful U.S. House Ways & Means Committee.

That single experience launched a lifelong recognition that government can be an important catalyst for change and opportunity. In 1976, she moved to Springfield, Illinois with the purpose of creating the first organization to advocate for issues affecting low-income families before the Illinois legislature. Later she became the legislative and political action director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), working on policy issues affecting working men and women.

From 1981 to 1984, Julie served as legislative counsel and policy advisor to then-State's Attorney Richard M. Daley, advocating for the first-ever laws and policies on domestic violence and sexual assault. In 1988, Julie founded Julie E. Hamos & Associates, a public policy and community relations consulting firm.