



Mara Candelaria Reardon was the first Latina elected as a State Representative to the Indiana General Assembly and served 6 terms. In 2018, Mara was elected by her colleagues, as Chair of the Indiana House Democrat Caucus, a groundbreaking Caucus that was made up of a majority of women for the first time in the history of the State of Indiana. During her tenure she specialized in budget and fiscal issues, serving on the Ways and Means Committee. Additionally, Mara has championed legislation addressing such topics as workplace discrimination, drug courts, prevention of sexual harassment, career and technical training programs, minimum teacher salaries, and a statewide smoking ban. She serves as Chair of the National Association of Elected and

Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund Board of Directors, as well as a Director at Indiana American Water, and as a Trustee on the Lake County Library Board. In July of 2022 Mara was appointed by President Biden to serve as the Deputy Director of Public Engagement at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) at the US Department of Commerce. Mara has a passion for yoga and a newly developed passion for all things Broadband. She has been married to Matthew Reardon for 25 years and they reside in Munster, Indiana.