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We ask two of the country's lawmakers—from both parties—how they travel, who they admire and what guides their leadership styles.



MIKE BISHOP

CONGRESSMAN, R-Michigan

● A lifelong resident of Oakland County, Michigan, Mike Bishop has represented the state's Eighth Congressional District since 2015, and he serves on the House Committee on Ways and Means. Bishop was previously Michigan's Senate majority leader and a local prosecutor. He and his wife, Cristina, have three kids.

AISLE OR WINDOW:

Aisle, for a little extra legroom.

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

South Haven, Michigan. It isn't summer until we get that first trip out there with all of our family. We love the town and beaches there.

HISTORICAL ROLE MODEL:

President

Abraham Lincoln.

RECOMMENDED BOOK:

Master of the Senate: The Years of Lyndon Johnson by Robert Caro.

PERSONAL MOTTO:

The Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

MUST-TRY

MICHIGAN RESTAU-

RANT: Lipuma's Coney Island in Rochester. It's a fun family spot and everything on the menu is good.

NO. 1 POLICY PRIORITY:

Tax reform, specifically lowering taxes on families and job creators. I've been meeting with people in our district for months about this issue, and it's absolutely something our communities are counting on us to get done.

WHAT IS MOST NEEDED TO IMPROVE WASHINGTON TODAY:

Civility, unfortunately. The government our Founding Fathers created was designed on a system of compromise, and I feel like we're losing that sense of who we are as a nation. Whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, the other party is not the enemy; gridlock is.



DEREK KILMER

CONGRESSMAN, D-Washington

● Derek Kilmer began serving Washington's Sixth Congressional District in 2013. Prior to public office—including earlier terms in the state House and Senate—he was a business consultant and economic development official. Kilmer serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and has two daughters with his wife, Jennifer.

AISLE OR WINDOW:

Aisle, usually. I was sitting in the aisle when I met my wife—which really changed the way I look at airline travel.

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:

Olympic National Park is spectacular. But if I'm getting out of my district, it usu-

ally involves my kids and Mickey Mouse.

HISTORICAL ROLE MODEL:

The person I admire most is my 107-year-old grandmother who came to America after World War II. She's pretty cool.

RECOMMENDED BOOK:

I get enough politics at work.

Give me a good sports book! I love everything that John Feinstein writes: *The Punch*, *A Season on the Brink* and *A Civil War* were terrific!

PERSONAL MOTTO:

Given the current state of Congress, my office motto is "Don't get frustrated—get motivated."

NO. 1 POLICY PRIORITY:

Before I entered politics, I worked professionally in economic development, so I focus on creating more economic opportunity for more people in more places.

WHAT IS MOST NEEDED TO IMPROVE WASHINGTON TODAY:

How many pages do we have? In a nutshell, Congress needs to get less focused on partisanship and a lot more focused on making progress on behalf of the American people. ▀

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