Congressman Sam Farr, a fifth-generation Californian, represents the state's beautiful Central Coast. Throughout his 19-year tenure, Mr. Farr has been a leading advocate for California agriculture, an outspoken activist for affordable housing and a champion of the oceans.

In Congress since 1993, Farr serves on the powerful House Appropriations Committee , which oversees the distribution of the federal budget. Farr is the Ranking Member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food and Drug Administration , as well as sits on the Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs .

Mr. Farr co-chairs the Congressional Organic Caucus, Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus , Defense Communities Caucus, House Oceans Caucus , and Unexploded Ordnance Caucus.

Prior to serving in Congress, Farr served twelve years in the California State Assembly and six years as Monterey County Supervisor. He graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon and attended the Monterey Institute of International Studies and the University of Santa Clara. He began his career in public service in 1964 serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia. He is fluent in Spanish. He was raised in Carmel, California, and is married to Shary Baldwin Farr. The Farrs have one daughter, Jessica, and two grandchildren, Ella and Zachrey.

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