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Senator Ted Cruz represents 29 million Texans in the U.S. Senate as a passionate fighter for limited government, national security, and economic growth. He has authored dozens of legislative measures that have been signed into law, including expanding 529 college savings accounts to allow parents to save for K–12 public, private, and religious education, repealing Obamacare's individual mandate, imposing sanctions on terrorists who use civilians as human shields, designating North Korea as a state sponsor of terrorism, halting Putin's Nord Stream 2 pipeline, reauthorizing and reforming NASA, holding dictatorships in South America accountable, and ensuring the availability of additional records to help solve civil rights cold cases. He is also leading the fight in the Senate to support Texas jobs, hold Big Tech accountable to the American people, secure the border, fundamentally reassess the U.S.-China relationship and hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for covering up the coronavirus pandemic, committing human rights atrocities, and engaging in censorship, propaganda, and espionage in the United States.

In addition to serving in the Senate, Sen. Cruz co-hosts the podcast Verdict with Ted Cruz, where he breaks down the most important news stories of the day and what they mean for the American people. He is also the author of two New York Times Bestsellers. A Time for Truth: Reigniting the Promise of America details his journey as the son of a Cuban immigrant who grew up in Texas and was elected to the United States Senate. One Vote Away: How a Single Supreme Court Seat Can Change History explains what happens behind the scenes at the Supreme Court when our constitutional rights are at stake. In the book, Sen. Cruz examines eight constitutional issues and landmark Supreme Court cases that every American should know about, almost all of which he helped litigate. Nearly all of the cases discussed in the book were decided by just one vote.

Senator Cruz is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He is a former law clerk to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, and former solicitor general of Texas. He has argued nine cases before the Supreme Court. In November of 2018, he was re-elected to the Senate by the people of Texas.

Senator Cruz sits on the Foreign Relations, Commerce, Judiciary, Joint Economic, and Rules Committees. In the Commerce Committee, Senator Cruz is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Aviation. In the Judiciary Committee, he is the ranking member of the Subcommittee on The Constitution.