



Senator Vincent Fort
Senate District 39

Senator Vincent D. Fort was first elected to the State Senate from the 39th District in 1996 and has been reelected ten times. He represents parts of the City of Atlanta, East Point, College Park, Union City and unincorporated Fulton County in Georgia.

Senator Fort serves as the Democratic Whip in the Senate, the number two position in the Senate Democratic Caucus. He has served in that position since 2011.

Senator Fort serves on the Appropriations, Judiciary-Civil, Judiciary-Criminal, Education and Youth, Reapportionment and Redistricting, Interstate Cooperation, Urban Affairs, and the Marta Oversight Committees. Senator Fort has chaired the Retirement Committee, Interstate Cooperation Committee and the Fulton County Senate Delegation.

Senator Fort authored the first hate crimes law in 2001. This legislation was designed to provide for enhanced penalties for defendants who intentionally select their victim due to bias or prejudice.

In 2001, Senator Fort authored a predatory lending law, which was the basis for the strongest predatory lending law of its kind, passed in 2002. Since then, he has become nationally recognized as a leader in the fight against predatory lending and foreclosures. Senator Fort also authored a law which increases disabled access to housing.

Senator Fort is responsible for securing \$40 Million in funding for buildings at Atlanta Technical College and Atlanta Metropolitan College. As a member of the Education Committee, Senator Fort has been on the forefront in the movement to protect public education.

Senator Fort has been recognized by several organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Georgia Council on Aging, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust. He has been recognized as legislator of the year by the Georgia Association of Educators, Alpha kappa Alpha, Improved benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the National Association of Consumer Advocates. He has also received the Unsung Hero award from the Anti-Defamation League.

Senator Fort has appeared on or been quoted numerous local national and international media outlets including CNN, CNN Headline News, Fox News, New York Times, MSNBC, Washington Post, Newsweek, The Nation Magazine, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, HDNet with Dan Rather and Financial Times.



December 2014—Senate Press Office