

## UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE on BANKING, HOUSING, & URBAN AFFAIRS

Senator Tim Scott grew up in North Charleston, South Carolina, where he and his brother were raised by a single mother who worked long hours to meet their needs. After almost failing out high school, Senator Scott drew on his family's determination and lessons learned from his mentor, a local Chick-fil-A owner, to change the trajectory of his life.

Senator Scott has always been driven by his mission statement, 'to positively impact the lives of a billion people.' He started and ran successful small businesses, including Allstate Insurance agencies, and as a result, he understands the importance of signing the front and not just the back of the check.

The lessons gleaned from his mentor still guide Senator Scott today: you can think your way out of poverty, and financial independence is a stepping-stone for success. Having a job is a good thing, but *creating* jobs is a great thing. Through Senator Scott's personal experiences and faith in God and country, he focuses his work on paving the path for all Americans to achieve their version of the American Dream.