

## Restoring Energy Independence Investing in Renewable Energy

Filling up the gas tank can empty our wallets as prices at the pump go through the roof. An energy policy for the future that reduces America's dangerous dependence on foreign oil and reduces pollution has never been so important.

Congresswoman Kaptur has worked in Congress to support new sources of energy, including renewables. This spring, the President agreed to a request by Congresswoman Kaptur and many of her colleagues to suspend deliveries to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and instead put the oil in the marketplace to help control skyrocketing prices.

The record rise in gas prices reinforces the need for a long-term, balanced national energy policy. That's why Congresswoman Kaptur has led the fight in Congress to increase the

use of renewable energy resources and emerging technologies to heighten energy efficiency and reduce overall energy consumption. Kaptur authored the first ever energy title in a U.S. farm bill, which allows the U.S. government to promote domestically produced ethanol and biodiesel as renewable fuels.

"Let's put our dollars to work right here in America. We have the ability to power this nation from the soil of our own fields, the rushing waters of our rivers, the glaring rays of the sun, the wind across our land and the ingenuity of America's inventors," said Kaptur.



## Smart-Fueling the Future — From Family Jeeps to Buses

Congresswoman Kaptur's effort to promote the use of bio-fuels has resulted in the area's first smart fuels initiative. Kaptur successfully directed \$1.5 million to the local transit authority to construct an alternative fuels facility to fuel its fleet with bio-diesel. The facility will also allow local school bus and municipal maintenance fleets to access cleaner, locally grown and refined biodiesel ultimately replacing imported, all petroleum-based fuels.

On another front, Congresswoman Kaptur has been recognized by the National Biodiesel Board for her steadfast support in Congress of environmentally friendly biodiesel. The Congresswoman played a key role in the increased use of biodiesel, including her work to encourage DaimlerChrysler to fill every new Jeep Liberty Common Rail Diesel (CRD) leaving the local factory with B5—a five percent blend of biodiesel.



*Congresswoman Kaptur speaks with Chase School students to discuss the importance of energy independence while touring a new alternatively fueled TARTA bus in the Northriver neighborhood.*

## Growing Small Business



Congresswoman Kaptur's strong support of small businesses in our area will soon create new jobs here. A local company working with the Department of Defense and the Ford Motor Company are developing a new acceleration and breaking technology for military and commercial use called "HAMMER." The technology was recently showcased at a Department of Energy conference in Washington. Production of the new technology is slated to create jobs right here in our community.

*Congresswoman Kaptur meets with the "HAMMER Team" to discuss small business issues and emerging new technologies that are creating jobs.*

## Constituent Corner

### Huron Student Serves as Congressional Page

*Huron's Michael Moberg recently completed service as a Congressional Page after appointment by Congresswoman Kaptur. The high school junior attended the House Page School for three months while in Washington.*



## How Can We Help?

**Congresswoman Kaptur's Ohio and Washington offices stand ready to help. Please let us know how we may be of service by contacting us at:**

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## Supporting Our Troops

*I join our entire community in saluting personnel from all of our military bases currently deployed to the Middle East, serving our nation in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.*

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## Summer Update 2006



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Dear Friend:

As we move toward America's annual commemoration of independence on the 4th of July, please know that I remain deeply grateful to the people of our community for affording me the great honor to serve you and our nation in the U.S. Congress.

We recall these words of Daniel Webster, which are inscribed above the Speaker's rostrum in the U.S. House of Representatives:

*"Let us develop the resources of our land, call forth its powers, build up its institutions, promote all its great interests and see whether we also in our day and generation may not perform something worthy to be remembered."*

In embracing the challenges facing America, at home and abroad, we must be inspired by these dreams. We must also maintain the resolve of our forebears who built a stable and secure republic and then passed it to us. We must be no less vigilant than they in protecting our freedoms and meeting our responsibilities in this new era. These involve achieving economic and personal security for our workers, families, and retirees; resolving the wars in which our nation is engaged; restoring America's financial and energy independence; and meeting the hopes of all of America's citizens for a better future regardless of their station in life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As always your ideas and views are very important to me. Feel free to write or call anytime.  
Best wishes for a happy, healthy summer!

*Marcy Kaptur*

## Senate Expert on Iraq War Visits

*U.S. Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, discussed terrorism and homeland security policy with Congresswoman Kaptur during a visit to Ohio's Ninth District. Both have voiced strong opposition to the Administration's recent decision to cut Homeland Security funding to cities by one-third.*



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## FIGHTING FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS

### PENSION SECURITY

Congresswoman Kaptur has been outspoken about the need for real pension security that is fair to working families. Workers who dedicate years of service to a company should be able to count on a decent retirement and a measure of economic security that they were promised. Yet in this time when more and more companies are reducing or dropping their defined benefit pension plans and retiree health coverage, workers' earned benefits are often not guaranteed.

As just one example, the recent decision by Delphi to file for bankruptcy has resulted in the possible loss of thousands of jobs and proposed wage cuts of up to 60 percent. Delphi has also indicated that it may close some U.S. plants and sharply cut employee health care and other benefits.

"More than ever, real pension reform to secure pension plans that have been earned by workers is what is needed. Private pension plans are supposed to be one leg of a three-legged stool of retirement security for all Americans, along with Social Security and private savings. Congress must step up with significant pension reform to protect workers and the financial security they have earned," said Kaptur.

### Fixing America's Trade Gaps

Our nation's trade policy continues to ship out more American jobs and opens our doors to imports while other markets remain closed to us. This is a policy that is hurting our country, not just today, but for tomorrow. It hurts our workers. It hurts our farmers; and, indeed, it truly hurts our economic future.

For every billion dollars of deficit, America incurs another 10,000 lost jobs. In a year, the loss to us is over three-quarters of a trillion dollars of more imports coming in than exports going out.

Congresswoman Kaptur has introduced a bill, the Balancing Trade Act of 2005 (H.R. 4405), to require the President to take action when America faces deficits like we see today. It would mandate that the President correct these imbalanced trading relationships when our deficit with another country would equal \$10 billion for three consecutive years.

Kaptur, a strong opponent of trade agreements like NAFTA and CAFTA, noted in remarks to her colleagues, "Every single year, after every trade agreement gets signed, the red ink gets deeper and deeper. The Administration and this Congress are asleep at the switch while America's middle class shrinks before our eyes."

### NAFTA and CAFTA: Going in the Wrong Direction

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was a leading opponent of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) when it was enacted over ten years ago. Since that time, America has reversed decades of trade surpluses and now struggles with the highest annual trade deficit in our nation's history. Marcy's report, NAFTA at Ten, is available online at [www.kaptur.house.gov](http://www.kaptur.house.gov)

### Register to Vote

Congresswoman Kaptur continues to fight for a voter-verifiable paper trail as part of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Enacted in 2002, HAVA provides funding to help states replace outdated voting machines and created an Election Assistance Commission to improve the general management of elections. A voter-verified record is essential to provide voters with the confidence that their votes are being accurately recorded. After much effort, Ohio enacted legislation to require such voter receipts to serve as the official record if there is a disputed or close election.

Meanwhile, Ohioans who are not yet registered to vote and wish to vote on November 7th can register by obtaining a voter registration form at [www.kaptur.house.gov](http://www.kaptur.house.gov) or by calling our Ohio office at 419-259-7500 or 800-964-4699. The deadline to register to vote is 30 days before the election. If you have any questions about how to register, where to register, or to find out if you are registered, contact your county Board of Elections.

Lorain County (440) 326-5900, Ottawa County (419) 898-3071, Lucas County (419) 213-4001, and Erie County (419) 627-7601.



### Kaptur Announces Senior Nutrition Coupons, Boosts Local Farmers

On Mother's Day weekend, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur joined with officials from the Northwest Ohio Area Office on Aging to kick-off the popular Senior Farmers' Market Coupon Program, now in its sixth season.

"Since this effort began in the summer of 2001, it has provided more than \$5 million in local fresh fruits and vegetables to thousands of our region's older adults, while also providing a new source of income to hundreds of local growers. It is a win-win for local independent growers and for senior nutrition efforts in the region," said Kaptur.

Congresswoman Kaptur serves on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the senior nutrition initiative. The Area Office on Aging received \$1,065,877 from the USDA to provide locally grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs to 17,000 eligible older adults in Northern Ohio.

Kaptur reminded Ninth District seniors that to be eligible to apply they must live in Lucas, Erie or Ottawa counties, be over age 60 with incomes of less than \$24,420 per year for couples and \$18,130 for individuals. Coupons will be distributed on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Eligible participants will receive the equivalent of \$90 in coupons over the summer months.

For more information, call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624.



### Protecting Our Great Lakes

Congresswoman Kaptur has co-sponsored a bill to permanently ban drilling on the Great Lakes. "The fragile eco-system that makes up the shallowest of the Great Lakes, Lake Erie, is a resource that cannot be replaced," said Kaptur. She is seen here discussing her efforts on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

### "Plant Hope" to Combat Emerald Ash Borer Losses

The infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer pest has destroyed more than 15 million ash trees in our region. As trees deteriorate, they may cause damage to homes, property or even human life. Homeowners can be diligent and inspect their properties and discover the characteristics of ash trees and the signs of infestation.

As a member of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Congresswoman Kaptur has requested additional emergency dollars to assist with the effective control and containment of the Emerald Ash Borer.

On Arbor Day, Kaptur arranged a visit to the Sisters of St. Francis and the Lourdes College campus in Sylvania for Agriculture Undersecretary for Natural

Resources and Environment Mark Rey to see firsthand the devastation caused by the borer insect, which reached the United States from Asia apparently in uninspected packing materials.

Joined by scout troops, school groups, representatives of the business community, public organizations, and the Sisters of St. Francis, Kaptur discussed the environmental importance of replacing the destroyed trees. For more information on removing or treating ash trees, contact the OSU Extension Office in Lucas County at (419) 578-6783 or visit [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).



After discussing environmental issues associated with the Emerald Ash Borer, Marcy Kaptur helps plant an American Chestnut on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis in Sylvania with USDA Undersec. Rey, Sister M. Jeremias Stinson, OSF and local girl scouts.

### County Round-Up Lucas County: Economic Development

#### Technology Job Corridor Gains Kaptur Support

A new technology and research corridor which proposes to link our region's major higher education institutions will help create the jobs of the future. The plan received its first major boost when Congresswoman Kaptur was able to gain passage of \$8.4 million in the 2005 Transportation Bill to jumpstart the effort. The technology district will focus on research, development activities and educational opportunities between the recently merged University of Toledo's Bancroft and Scott Park campuses and the Medical University of Ohio with dozens of businesses in the corridor.

#### Erie County: Helping Our Veterans

##### Sandusky Veterans' Home Gets Federal Boost

Congresswoman Kaptur was pleased to announce that the Ohio Veterans' Home received \$2.68 million from the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs for major improvements including a new fire alarm system, new emergency generator equipment, and security improvements. The Home in Sandusky provides much-needed nursing home, domiciliary and assisted care to over 700 veterans. Our nation must meet its obligation to the men and women who have dedicated their lives to our country through military service.



Marcy discusses Ottawa County eco-tourism at the Port Clinton docks

#### Ottawa County: Eco-Tourism and Keeping Our Drinking Water Clean and Safe

##### Kaptur Secures Federal Help for Put-In-Bay / South Bass Island Waterline

Asked by local officials for financial help to address several drinking water concerns on Put-in-Bay, Congresswoman Kaptur was able to secure over \$1.5 million for upgrades to the water service for the island -- an

anchor of the Lake's tourism economy. The Ninth District island community is completing its drinking water delivery system so clean and safe drinking water is available to residents, tourists and to nearly every business on the island.

#### Lorain County: Assisting Our Local Law Enforcement

##### Linking Officers on the Street with Real-time Data

Answering the call of the Lorain County Sheriff, Congresswoman Kaptur provided a boost to local safety forces with \$200,000 for the purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) to the Lorain County Sheriff's Department. The computer system will link officers on the street to critical law enforcement information through a wireless link-up. Each patrol cruiser with an MDC will tie into the sheriff's office and national databases important to fighting crime. Kaptur directed the award to Lorain County from the U.S. Department of Justice. As a result of Marcy's work on their behalf, the sheriffs' offices in both Erie and Lorain Counties now have direct computer links to officers on the street.



## CONSUMER'S CORNER

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur was awarded the Consumer Federation of America's Consumer Hero Award for her vigilance in Congress to protect the rights of consumers, including her support for the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA). FACTA makes it possible for every consumer to obtain a free copy of his or her own credit report each year from each of the major credit reporting services. Consumers may use this FREE service to check their credit report and be sure it contains the most accurate information. Errors on a credit report can prevent you from receiving the best interest rates on consumer loans. You may request your free copy of your personal report online at: [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228.

### Other Valuable Consumer Protection Resources:

[www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) is an online resource of the Federal Trade Commission with tips on protecting against ID theft and "what to do" information if you believe you are a victim of ID theft;

[www.consumer.gov](http://www.consumer.gov) can provide a complete listing of consumer protection resources offered by the federal government. It includes information on e-mail scams, car buying, information for people with disabilities, product recalls and much more;

[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) is a vast resource for information on consumer protections ranging from keeping our children safe online, protecting your credit information, and the do's and don'ts of working from your home.