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Constituent Update-

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Work in Congress is under way on a number of issues affecting you and updating you is my responsibility. The recent terrorist attacks in London and the dangers facing our troops are reminders of how critical the war on terrorism is. In addition, here at home, we must continue to address domestic priorities such as health care, energy costs and Social Security. To receive more information about these issues and those listed below, please return the attached card. It is an honor and privilege to serve you.

ISSUES summary

War on Terrorism

As the recent bombings in London demonstrate, terrorism remains a central threat to free societies around the world. In Congress, we voted to give law enforcement the tools they need to track down terrorists, while protecting civil liberties. We must also help Iraq form its own military and security forces so our troops can come home.

Medicare

The new prescription drug benefit under Medicare begins in January 2006. This new law ensures that seniors have access to medications they need.

Social Security

We must save and strengthen Social Security so it is there for younger workers when they retire, as it has been for today's seniors. And we must continue protecting the benefits of those who are in and near retirement.

Energy

Congress passed a comprehensive energy policy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil, invest in research and development of renewable energy sources, and bring common sense to the gasoline markets in order to stabilize and lower our gas prices.

Federal Budget

On the House Budget Committee, we fought for a budget to eliminate the deficit by controlling spending. Already this year, because of these efforts, as well as increasing tax revenue due to greater economic growth, the deficit dropped more than expected—by \$94 billion.

Homeland Security

Congress recently passed legislation making sure law enforcement officers have what they need to detect, counteract and capture terrorists.

Health Care

Health care costs are skyrocketing out of control. I am pushing for several urgent reforms so people and businesses have access to affordable health care coverage.

Taxes

Since the tax cuts of 2003, the economy has added 3.7 million new jobs and tax revenues have increased 15 percent in the past year. This has helped reduce our projected budget deficit by \$188 billion since 2004. We must prevent future tax increases which would stifle economic growth and job creation.

Economy & Jobs

We must allow the economy to continue its recovery and job creation. We must also protect American jobs by making sure countries like China play by the rules.

A Report from Congressman Paul Ryan on Social Security:

STOP SPENDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND



I have authored comprehensive legislation which restores long-term solvency to Social Security while protecting guaranteed benefits for all seniors and workers. At the same time, it gives younger workers a chance to grow their benefits beyond what the current system promises. The cornerstone of this bill and the cause that I have been fighting for since coming to Congress is to stop spending the Social Security Trust Fund on other government programs. I believe every penny of Social Security taxes should go to Social Security. Period.

"I BELIEVE EVERY PENNY OF SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES SHOULD GO TO SOCIAL SECURITY. PERIOD."

-PAUL RYAN

For over 30 years, Congress has spent all surplus Social Security revenues on other government programs. Both Republicans and Democrats are responsible for this. And for the next 12 years (while short-term surpluses exist), Congress is expected to keep spending this additional trust fund revenue. To stop Congress from dipping into the Social Security Trust Fund and to begin the process of saving Social Security, I have co-authored new legislation (H.R. 3304) that would save Social Security surplus revenues for future retirees' benefits. Specifically:

- Workers under the age of 55 would be given a choice of having their portion of the surplus deposited into a personal retirement account within the Social Security system. The account would be the property of each worker and would be dedicated to their Social Security retirement benefit. The accounts would also be inheritable.
- The accounts would be invested in marketable U.S. Treasury Bonds, among the safest assets in the world.
- The accounts would be maintained by the Social Security Administration (SSA), not by private brokerage firms.
- The proposal does not cut Social Security benefits and it does not raise taxes.

This proposal would unmask the true size of the budget deficit because Congress currently spends the Social Security Trust Fund surplus on other programs. This proposal also protects seniors' Social Security benefits and begins to pre-fund future retirement benefits for today's workers.





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