CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI'S UPDATE FOR SENIORS

LIPINSKI FIGHTS TO STRENGTHEN MEDICARE AND LOWER COSTS

Congressman Lipinski visits Christ Hospital, touring the new facility that provides medical care for many seniors in the 3rd District.

In August, Congressman Lipinski worked to pass the Children's Health and Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act. In addition to helping provide health insurance for more children, this bill will strengthen Medicare and help seniors by:

- Cutting your costs by eliminating co-payments and deductibles for preventive health care

- Ensuring continued access to doctors of your choice by stopping a 10% cut in Medicare payments

- Expanding programs to ensure Medicare remains affordable

LIPINSKI WORKS TO LOWER MEDICARE DRUG PRICES

Congressman Lipinski has fought for lowering prescription drug prices for seniors since he entered Congress. Earlier this year, he helped introduce and pass legislation to require the government to negotiate for lower drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries. The Medicare Prescription Drug Negotiation Act of 2007 changes current law to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate with drug companies for lower prices.

LIPINSKI CONTINUES EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL SECURITY AND PROTECT BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

Social Security has allowed the United States to enjoy one of the lowest poverty rates for seniors. Congressman Lipinski (shown discussing Social Security issues with district seniors) believes that Social Security must be strengthened and continues to oppose privatization of parts of Social Security because it would put future benefits at risk for seniors. Although the President's plan was defeated last year, it is critical that we continue to work to make sure Social Security benefits are protected.

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CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI
Legislative Update for Seniors

Dear Friend:

September 2007

I am writing to give you an update on some issues of special importance for seniors in the Third District.

I have been a leader in the House of Representatives on issues important to seniors including helping to pass two key bills. One would cut costs for those on Medicare while strengthening the program, and the other would help lower the cost of Medicare prescription drugs. You can read more about both of these in this newsletter.

While we so far have been successful in blocking attempts to undermine Social Security, I understand how crucial this program is for seniors and continue the fight to protect and strengthen it.

I will be holding a number of Senior Fairs this Fall and hope to see you. The next fair is listed below. If you are ever in need of help with Social Security, Medicare, or any other government issue, please do not hesitate to contact my Congressional office at 312-886-0481. For more information or to sign up for newsletters delivered to your email account visit **www.lipinski.house.gov**.

Sincerely,

Dan Lipinski

Congressman Dan Lipinski's September Senior Fair

The Senior Fair is a great opportunity for seniors to learn about special assistance available to them.

Friday September 21st

10:00 a.m.

The Rec Center

6501 W. 31st St., Berwyn

At this fair you can meet Congressman Dan Lipinski (shown discussing the Medicare program with an area senior) as well as people who will help you with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans' Benefits, utility bill assistance, and other government programs. In addition you can meet with business vendors that provide services in the Third District such as retirement living and that offer special discounts for seniors. You will also receive a variety of free items as long as supplies last.

For more information or to seek assistance, please contact (312) 886-0481.

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