



Congressman Dan Lipinski's Spring 2007 Update

Dear Neighbor;

I am happy to provide you with an update on some of the important issues we are addressing in the 110th Congress. As your representative, I continue to work on spurring the development of clean alternative energy sources, protecting the environment, providing more affordable health care for families, improving education, protecting and strengthening Social Security and Medicare, taking care of our veterans, and improving transportation in the Third District and the entire Chicago area.

Transportation issues are critical for the Third District, and at the beginning of this year I secured an appointment to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, with seats on three subcommittees, Aviation, Railroads, and Highways. In January, Federal Aviation Administrator Marion Blakey and House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Costello accepted an invitation to visit Midway Airport (pictured to the right) to view the airport's safety improvements. As a result of this meeting, this Spring the FAA announced a \$15 million grant to complete runway improvements at Midway which will upgrade the airport's safety without expanding the airport beyond its current boundaries.



In January I was chosen to serve as Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee. My top priorities include the promotion of new technologies to ease our dependence on fossil fuels that imperil our security and our environment, improvement of science, technology, engineering, and math education, and enhancement of America's technological competitiveness and jobs. I also continue to serve on the House Small Business Committee which is focusing on providing more health care options for small businesses, promoting fair trade that gives small businesses an opportunity to compete in the global market, and helping small businesses create more jobs to enhance our communities.

As always, feel free to make contact with your opinions and questions on any issue, or to seek help with any federal issue. To find additional information on any of the issues discussed in this newsletter or on other issues, or to sign up to receive E-newsletters sent to your email account, visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Lipinski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dan Lipinski

TOWN HALL NOTICE
Saturday June 16, 2007

10:00 a.m.
Johnson-Phelps VFW Post #5220
9514 S. 52nd Ave
Oak Lawn, IL

Congressman Lipinski's Legislative Accomplishments in the 110th Congress:

- House passed amendment to require the Defense Department to use high efficiency light bulbs wherever possible.
- House passed H.R. 1126, the Metals Bill.
- House passed H. Res. 51, Honoring National Catholic Schools' Week.
- House passed H.Res. 59, Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Engineers Week.



Congressman Lipinski addresses St. Symphorosa School during Catholic School's Week.

Changing Direction in Iraq

A new strategy is needed to achieve success in Iraq and to bring our troops home.

Congressman Dan Lipinski has taken the lead in February by introducing H.Res.152 which calls on the Bush Administration to convene a peace conference similar to the one that led to the Dayton Accords that ended the war in Bosnia. The resolution also calls for an international conference to arrange for peacekeeping troops and reconstruction aid from other countries. In March, Congressman Lipinski testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in support of H.Res.152 and called upon the Administration to provide for greater Congressional oversight of America's Iraq policy. Congressman Lipinski is also working to introduce a bipartisan bill to institute the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group (ISG) in order to change the direction of America's Iraq policy.

Please respond by June 15th

Immigration Survey

There are an estimated 12 million immigrants living in the United States who entered illegally or who have overstayed their visas. Congress is now considering legislation to address our broken border and immigration policy. Please indicate which one of the following two courses of action you would prefer Congress to take. It is possible that you may want to choose other options, but these are the only two choices that are likely to be offered.

_____ Pass legislation which will (1) increase border protection including more border agents and greater use of technology to stop illegal crossings; (2) institute a system which will allow employers to make sure they are hiring legal workers and increase penalties and enforcement of laws on employers who hire illegal workers; (3) allow all immigrants currently in the U.S. who are employed and have not committed a crime since they entered the country to pay a fine and taxes in order to be given the legal right to stay in the United States and eventually become citizens; and (4) create a temporary guest worker policy that will allow more people to come into the country to work on a short term basis.

_____ Pass no new legislation and continue with current immigration laws and border enforcement.

Honoring Our Nation's Veterans

Support for our troops must continue when they return home. The brave men and women who give so much for our country deserve better care. That is why Congressman Lipinski supported the 2008 Budget Resolution which correctly prioritizes the needs of our nation's veterans by providing a \$6.6 billion increase for veterans. These funds will pay for the VA's increasing patient load while improving the treatment for service members and veterans at health care facilities such as Hines VA Hospital, as well as specifically addressing the needs at Walter Reed Medical Center.



Congressman Lipinski honors our nation's heroes in the district.

Fighting for Lower Drug Prices for Seniors

Rising prescription drug prices are a problem for all Americans, especially seniors and everyone on Medicare. States, insurance companies, large pharmacy chains, and the Veterans Administration all use their bargaining power to obtain lower prices for patients, but Medicare is prohibited from doing this. That is why Congressman Lipinski cosponsored and helped pass HR 4, the Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act, which would give the federal government the ability to negotiate lower drug prices for all Medicare enrollees. Because Medicare and Social Security are so vital to seniors, Congressman Lipinski continues to work to protect and strengthen these programs.



Congressman Lipinski talks with area senior about the high prices of medication.

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Providing for America's Students and Teachers

As a former educator, Congressman Lipinski knows that America's future depends on providing high-quality, affordable education. Towards this goal, the House passed H.R. 5, the College Student Relief Act, which would cut the student loan interest rate in half and make more financial assistance available.



Congressman Lipinski meets with LaGrange students emphasizing the importance of math and science education.

As Vice Chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, Congressman Lipinski has led the way to providing new scholarships and support for America's math and science teachers by helping to introduce and pass H.R. 362, the "10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds" Science and Math Scholarship Act. This bill authorizes \$279 million over five years to fund math and science scholarships to students who make a commitment to teaching. In today's global economy, America needs dedicated and talented teachers – especially in science and math – to remain competitive.

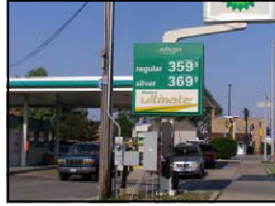
Fighting for Women's Health

Women face unique health challenges that do not receive appropriate attention from our government and the medical community. Our mothers, wives, and daughters deserve better. Congressman Lipinski is working to address needs in women's health care by:

- Cosponsoring H.R. 1157, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act, which would authorize grants for the development and operation of research centers dedicated to determining environmental causes of cancer.
 - Championing H.R. 1014, the HEART for Women Act, which would improve and increase research on heart disease and stroke in women.
 - Fighting for the passage of H.R. 20, the Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act, which would bring more public awareness to postpartum depression through research, funding, and education.
- Strongly supporting increased funding for ovarian and breast cancer research.



Combating High Gas Prices



The price of gasoline continues to hit record highs, straining family budgets. Americans are paying a heavy price for years of failing to stand up to the oil companies and enact a comprehensive energy plan. Congressman Lipinski is fighting against high prices by:

- Helping to pass H.R. 2264, the NOPEC Act, which would allow the federal government to sue OPEC and other foreign entities that collude to raise prices for oil and other fuels.
- Cosponsoring and working to pass H.R. 1252, the Federal Price Gouging Prevention Act, which gives the Federal Trade Commission the authority to investigate and punish companies that artificially inflate the price of gasoline and other fuels.
- Cosponsoring and voting to pass H.R. 6, the CLEAN Energy Act, which would end the subsidies for big oil companies while promoting investment into clean alternative fuels.

Promoting Clean, Secure American Energy

In addition to the financial strains caused by high gas prices, continued use of foreign oil threatens American security. Congressman Lipinski has made it a top priority to strengthen our national security, promote our economic security, and protect our environment by changing our energy policy, including:

- Offering and getting passed in the House an amendment to require the Defense Department to use high efficiency light bulbs wherever possible. These bulbs will reduce energy consumption, lower harmful emissions, and save taxpayers money.
- Introducing H.R. 1705, the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act, which would require the use of high efficiency light bulbs in federal government buildings.
- Introducing H.R. 632, the H-Prize Act, which would provide cash prizes for advances in the use of hydrogen as a clean alternative fuel for transportation.



Congressman Lipinski speaks with GM's Fuel Cell representative during the introduction of the H-Prize Act.

Strengthening Our Economy and Growing Good American Jobs

Families continue to struggle with job insecurity and the loss of quality jobs. Congressman Lipinski is working to provide greater economic opportunities by:

- Cosponsoring and voting to pass H.R. 2, the Fair Minimum Wage Act, which would provide the first minimum wage increase in nine years.
- Cosponsoring and helping pass H.R. 1773, the Safe American Roads Act, which would keep unsafe Mexican trucks off our roads and protect American jobs.
- Introducing and getting passed H.R. 1126, the Metals Bill, which would strengthen the U.S. manufacturing sector by delivering new, efficient, and environmentally-friendly technologies to steel and aluminum plants.

Congressman Dan Lipinski...

Working For the 3rd District

How A Congressional Office Can Assist You

- Military Academy appointments
- Social Security and Medicare
- IRS problems
- Mail delivery service
- Obtaining a U.S. Passport
- Student Financial Aid
- Immigration, Naturalization, and Citizenship
- Consumer Protection issues
- Veterans' benefits
- U.S. Small Business Administrative Services
- Planning trips to Washington, D.C.
- Ordering flags flown over the U.S. Capitol

Congressman Dan Lipinski

invites you to a:
Town Hall Meeting
Saturday June 9, 2007

10:00 a.m.

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Congressional Staff will be available starting at 9:00 a.m. to assist constituents with their problems related to federal agencies like Medicare, Immigration, Veterans' Benefits and Postal problems.

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