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Children's Safety Act of 2005

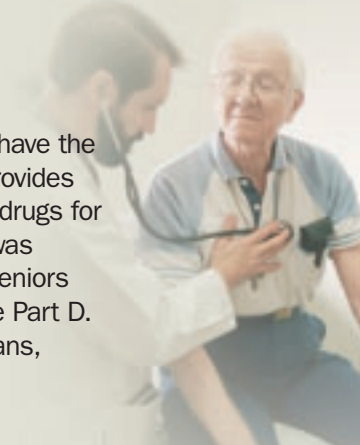
The protection of our nation's most vulnerable populations is of utmost concern to Congressman Franks who cosponsored legislation to increase penalties for violent crimes and sexual offenses against children. The bill also specifically included an important provision that requires criminal background checks before approval of foster or adoptive parents.



Congressman Franks works to protect the children of District 2.

Improving Health Care for Seniors

Congressman Franks believes that every senior should have the opportunity to choose their own health care plan that provides the best preventative care and lowest cost prescription drugs for their individual health care needs. Because of this, he was instrumental in developing a new benefit which brings seniors choices for prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D. For more information on these new prescription drug plans, please call **1-800-MEDICARE** or visit www.medicare.gov.



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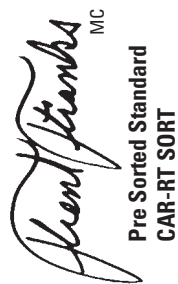
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CONGRESSMAN

Trent Franks

Year End Report

"It is my precious honor to serve you in the House of Representatives. We passed legislation that improves our local security, helps to protect our families, and strengthens our economy. Now, I look forward to making 2006 an even greater year for America. It continues to be an honor to serve you in the United States House of Representatives."

— Congressman Trent Franks



Growing the Economy



Winning the War on Terror



Protecting our Families



Securing our Borders

MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE 2ND DISTRICT

Border Security

Fighting Illegal Immigration

Securing our borders is vital to protecting our country. Over 500,000 people enter the U.S. illegally every year. Right now there are over 30,000 American troops stationed along the 143-mile long South Korean border, but just over 10,000 agents protecting our United States southern border, which spans approximately 2,000 miles. The time for meaningful immigration reform is now. Congressman Franks pushed legislation in Congress that:

- ★ ensures the timely completion of a virtual wall along our borders
- ★ makes it more difficult for illegal aliens to hide from law enforcement
- ★ strengthens deportation laws
- ★ closes asylum loopholes

Most importantly, over the coming months, Congressman Franks will be a leader in the effort in Congress to pass legislation further enhancing security along America's borders and ensuring the removal of all aliens who attempt to enter the United States illegally.

- ✓ **The Homeland Security Authorization Act** — Passed in the House, provides funding to heighten border security and port enforcement with the recruiting and training of 2,000 new border agents, streamlines counter-terrorism and intelligence-gathering efforts, increases analytic expertise, and improves readiness through training exercises.
- ✓ **The Border Security Improvement Act** — Directs the Department of Homeland Security to construct a fence along the U.S. southern border. Enforcement is critical to any new immigration reform. Border security is critical to homeland security.

Economy

Deficit Reduction Act

Our nation is at a fiscal crossroads and tough decisions must be made. Just like American families, the federal government must live within its means.



Congressman Franks was a key leader in the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. The House-passed bill would reduce our nation's deficit by approximately \$50 billion over 5 years and will help to restrain spending, reform overgrown government programs, and redesign the way taxpayer money is spent. The reforms in this bill will save Americans money and begin a long overdue process of modernizing the federal government on the principles of accountability, efficiency, and competence.

- ✓ **The CBO recently announced that the budget deficit for FY05 decreased by \$93 billion representing a 22% decrease.**
- ✓ **Even with spending required on hurricane relief, the budget deficit is still on track to be cut in half by 2009.**

Energy Policy Act of 2005

Congressman Franks has helped pass legislation to support the local economy and reduce America's dependence on foreign oil.

- ✓ **Stimulates the production of new domestic oil refineries** by providing incentives such as a streamlined permit process.
- ✓ **Provides incentives for clean coal technology and renewable energies** including wind, solar, and hydroelectricity.
- ✓ **Reduces our dependence on foreign oil** by allowing new domestic oil and gas exploration and development.
- ✓ **Promotes greater energy conservation** by extending Daylight Saving Time and creating reliability standards and incentives for the nation's electricity grid.

War on Terror

Continuing the Fight in the War on Terror

Our brave sons and daughters fight courageously in the War on Terror. It is an on-going battle to secure freedom and liberty everywhere. In 2005 alone:

- ★ **Iraqi citizens voted for their elected officials**
- ★ **Iraq ratified its Constitution**
- ★ **The trial of the dictator Saddam Hussein began**



Congressman Franks meets with troops in Iraq.

We must support our troops who are fighting for our freedom overseas. Funding for military personnel, operations, maintenance and procurement have all increased, including a well-deserved pay raise for our soldiers. Congressman Franks will continue to fight on behalf of our troops at every given opportunity.

Congressman Franks wants to hear from you...

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below and send it back so that Congressman Franks knows where you stand on the issues before Congress and may send you periodic updates on these issues.

Do you support:

- The federal government focusing on the deportation of illegal immigrants before it considers a "guest worker program"? YES NO
- Abolishing the current tax code and starting with one that is fairer and flatter? YES NO
- The war on terrorism and a victory in Iraq as a key to winning the war on terror? YES NO
- Pursuing actions against courts and judges that exceed their Constitutional authority by trying to write law rather than interpret it? YES NO
- Would you like to receive periodic email updates on current issues in Congress? YES NO

Email: _____

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