



CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART

Dear Friends:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you a report on some of the actions that I have taken on your behalf in the recent past in the United States House of Representatives.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process of the House Rules Committee, I have worked hard to represent our community as effectively as possible. In March, my Subcommittee held an in-depth hearing on HR 4890, "The Legislative Line Veto Act of 2006," to help curb excessive Congressional spending.

I utilize this leadership position in order to have an impact on legislation of importance to our community, making certain your voice is heard on critical issues coming before Congress.

It is an honor for me to represent the people of South Florida and to have the opportunity to work on your behalf in Congress. I encourage you to contact my office with any questions and to visit www.house.gov/diaz-balart to subscribe to my e-newsletter.

Thank you very much.

Cordially,

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Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart:

Committed to Serving the Residents of Southwest Broward County

As the Vice-Chairman of the House Committee on Rules, I have taken important legislation to the floor of the House of Representatives for debate and passage. Below are some recent examples of legislation that I have taken to the floor and seen passage of:

The Gasoline for America's Security (GAS) Act

We have not built an oil refinery in the United States since 1976, and the ones that we have are running near capacity. The GAS Act seeks to remove some of the obstacles that have prevented the construction of new oil refineries. Bringing new refineries online will prevent our reliance on foreign sources of refined products and will also allow us to have enough refinery capacity to meet the needs of our growing economy while providing a backup if any of our refineries are shut down for an extended period of time. *(H.R. 481 passed the House on 10/07/2005)*

The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

This legislation appropriates almost \$30 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Departments of the Interior and Energy, and several independent agencies. The legislation provides the resources necessary to address the energy and water needs of our country. Included in this legislation are appropriations of \$137 million for the restoration of the Everglades. With these appropriations, restoration of this environmental treasure will continue to move forward expeditiously and effectively. *(H.R. 291 passed the House on 05/24/2005)*

Disaster Assistance

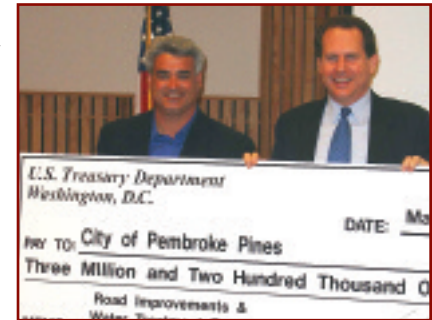
After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita struck, we quickly responded with several pieces of legislation to address the needs of the hurricane-ravaged areas. Some of the bills increased aid through the National Flood Insurance program, the Student Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Response and Recovery Act, and a supplemental emergency appropriations bill to help pay for the recovery effort. *(H.R. 426 passed the House on 09/08/2005)*



Congressman Diaz-Balart meets with constituents at a Town Hall Meeting he hosted at the Southwest Broward Regional Library

The Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act

The legislation appropriates \$133.4 billion for our national transportation and housing needs and for the federal judiciary. The bill includes almost \$37 billion in funds for our highway system. These funds will make much needed improvements in our critically important highway system. Also included is \$25 million to hire and train 595 new air traffic controllers for airports such as Miami International and Ft. Lauderdale/Hollywood International. One million dollars in funds will be used for the construction of a Broward County bus service facility. *(H.R. 342 passed the House on 06/28/2005)*



Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart presents Angel Castillo, vice mayor of Pembroke Pines, a check for \$3.2 million in federal funds he helped secure for road improvements and a water treatment facility

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH PROGRAM

My staff is dedicated to being as accessible as possible. Thus, we offer monthly "outreach" hours in Broward County. Residents are welcome to meet with a member of my staff to discuss any problems you may have with a federal agency.

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:
Pembroke Pines
Southwest Regional Library
16835 Sheridan Street
3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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