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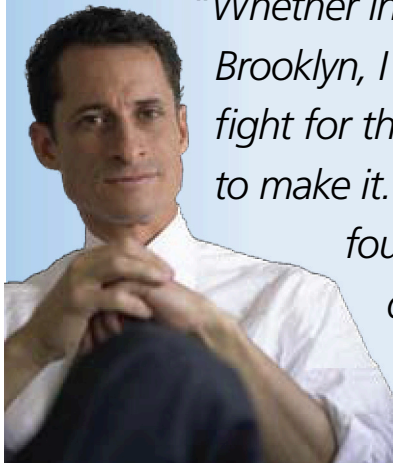


Rep. Weiner leads a tour of environmental officials to show storm damage.

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"Whether in Washington or here where I live in Queens and Brooklyn, I never forget that my job as your Congressman is to fight for the needs of the middle class and those struggling to make it. It's about remembering for whom I work. Here are four things we need to improve and ways to get them done. Let me know what you think."

– Rep. Anthony Weiner

1 Create New Jobs by Helping our Neighborhood Small Businesses.

The engine of our economy is our area's shopping strips. But you don't need to be an economist to see that more shops have closed recently and jobs are hard to come by. Rep. Weiner has fought for a straightforward proposal—tax credits for employers who hire new workers who have been out of work. The bill has passed the House and is awaiting Senate action.

2 Protect Social Security and Medicare from Privatizing Schemes.

Only in Washington would anyone who watched the stock market plunge still propose changing Social Security

to a private investment fund invested in stocks. But that is exactly what some in Congress have in mind. To make matters worse, they have a plan to give seniors vouchers for health care and end Medicare. Rep. Weiner led the charge to add 12 more years to Medicare and now he is leading the effort to stop these privatization schemes.

3 **Defend, Don't Attack Our Strongest Ally—Israel.**

One of the few constants in our relations with the rest of the world is the steadfast support America has gotten from the only true democracy in the Middle East—Israel. As Rep. Weiner has said loudly, we must respect the rights of the citizens of Israel to make decisions in their own defense and remember that Israel is an ally in our efforts for a peaceful region.

4 **Make Smart Investments but Start Paying Down the Deficit.**

When the economy is down, creating jobs is a must. Investing in infrastructure—like schools and our eroding shoreline—makes sense. But with deficits soaring, we have to make sure that we don't pass along the bills to our kids. Rep. Weiner pushed for tough new laws to cut waste in Medicaid and Medicare and eliminate spending that is just plain wrong, like aid to Saudi Arabia. We can get our economy going again and still eliminate waste.



Rep. Weiner holds a town hall meeting to answer questions about his plans in Washington.

