



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Working for Seniors



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Dear Neighbor:

Many of you are concerned about what the future holds for Medicare and Social Security. As always, I am working to ensure the government fulfills its promises to today's seniors, and to preserve these critical programs for future generations.

Last year, I voted against the health care law, which made \$400 billion in Medicare cuts that would have jeopardized seniors' access to doctors. This year, I voted against turning Medicare into a voucher program and increasing costs for seniors by more than \$6,000 annually. At the same time, my record reflects strong support for responsible efforts to rein in the national debt. This includes my vote for the bipartisan deal to cut deficits by at least \$2.1 trillion while protecting seniors.

These are difficult times for our country. Washington must stop bickering and focus on getting people back to work. That is why I have issued a five-point plan that takes a bipartisan approach to restoring America's economic strength. My plan focuses on rebuilding our transportation infrastructure, strengthening manufacturing, restoring fair trade, improving education, and boosting innovation.

I hope to see you at one of my upcoming Senior Fairs, on Oct. 17 at St. Xavier University's Shannon Center or on Oct. 21 at VFW Rhine Post 2729 in Garfield Ridge. If you cannot attend, please do not hesitate to stop by one of my offices or call 312-886-0481. You can also visit my web site at www.lipinski.house.gov. It is an honor to represent you in Congress.

Sincerely,


Dan Lipinski

Congressman Lipinski Hosts Senior Fairs

Monday, October 17, 2011

10 a.m. to Noon, St. Xavier University
Shannon Center

3700 West 103rd Street ■ Chicago, Illinois

Friday, October 21, 2011

10 a.m. to Noon, VFW Rhine Post 2729

5858 South Archer Avenue ■ Chicago, Illinois

The Congressman's Senior Fairs will give seniors a chance to get help from his staff with Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans' Benefits, the Postal Service, utility bills, and other issues. Local organizations and agencies will also offer assistance, and seniors can meet with businesses that provide services such as retirement living and that offer special discounts for seniors.



At a recent Senior Fair, Rep. Lipinski discusses the services his Congressional office provides for Third District seniors.



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Taking Action to Improve Social Security

As you know, there was no Social Security cost of living increase for either 2010 or 2011 — an unprecedented occurrence. In response, Congressman Lipinski voted to provide Social Security recipients with a one-time \$250 payment in 2011. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass Congress. He has also helped introduce a bipartisan bill, H.R. 1086, to ensure the government accurately measures cost increases faced by seniors. At the time of this writing, it appears there will be a Social Security cost of living increase for 2012. To prevent rising Medicare premiums from offsetting any increase, the Congressman is working to reduce Medicare costs without harming care for seniors.



Rep. Lipinski speaks to local seniors in Chicago about his work in Congress.



Working to Stop Medicare Fraud that Hurts Seniors

The first step to preserving Medicare and Medicaid for seniors should be to prevent anyone from

defrauding these programs and stealing taxpayer money. Medicare alone made at least \$48 billion in improper payments last year. Congressman Lipinski (pictured above in Bridgeview discussing his efforts) has called on the federal government to stop blocking bipartisan Illinois reforms designed to reduce Medicaid fraud. He also supports legislation that would create a secure Medicare card to prevent identity theft and fraud, ban corporate executives from doing business with Medicare if their company is convicted of fraud, and increase criminal penalties for Medicare fraud.

Lipinski Supports Seniors

Congressman Lipinski supports legislation that would:

- Close the Medicare prescription drug “doughnut hole.”
- Help protect seniors from financial scams and fraud.
- Save money for seniors and taxpayers by allowing the government to negotiate lower Medicare drug prices.

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