



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Representing the Third District ★ ★ ★

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Dear Neighbor,

During these difficult economic times it is more important than ever that the people of the Third District have someone tirelessly fighting for them. That is why I continuously stand up and deliver results for you at home and in Washington, while opposing policies such as the faulty Wall Street bailout that sadly has proven to be bad for American taxpayers.

While many have been focused on Wall Street, I have been focused on providing greater economic opportunities for working families and retirees. Saving and creating good jobs, making health care more affordable, improving educational opportunities, increasing retirement security, and taking care of veterans continue to be my top priorities.

While working for national policies that aid hard-working middle class families, I also know that a critical part of my job is to deliver help that makes your everyday lives better. There is much good news in this newsletter about improvements for our communities that I have

been able to achieve recently, including weekend trains on Metra's Southwest Service, community relief from train horns, and a reprieve from dumping at a local disposal site. Even in these times of serious cutbacks in federal earmarks because of terrible abuses by some, I am proud to have been able to bring back more funding for deserving local projects than any other local member of Congress.

For additional information and updates, or to sign up to receive newsletters delivered to you by e-mail, please visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

If you wish to share your concerns about an issue, or if you have questions or problems in regard to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Veterans' Benefits, or other programs, please come to one of my **Town Hall Meetings** or my **Senior Fair** in June. If you cannot attend, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

Dan Lipinski

Lipinski's Efforts Bring Weekend Trains to Metra's SouthWest Service

Congressman Lipinski's comprehensive effort to bring weekend trains to Metra's SouthWest Service line paid off when Saturday trains began running on March 21st. As a tireless advocate for improving local transit, the congressman brought together local officials, Metra, the RTA, and the freight railroads to plan and implement this long sought-after service. "The weekend trains will provide commuters, students, and families an affordable way to travel downtown and will also help communities along the line bring people to local destinations, such as the Oak Lawn Children's Museum," stated Lipinski (pictured at right during the announcement of the new service).

The line runs from Chicago Union Station to Manhattan with stops in communities such as Ashburn, Wrightwood, Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Heights, and Palos Park.



Lipinski Continues to Fight Faulty Wall Street Bailout

Representative Lipinski is the only Chicago-area Democrat who voted against the faulty \$700 billion Wall Street bailout three times, citing numerous flaws with the legislation which have since been exploited to the detriment of middle-class American taxpayers. More than eight months after the bailout was passed unemployment has skyrocketed, bailed-out banks have not significantly increased lending, the stock market is down, and the Treasury Department will still not tell us where the money has gone.



What we do know about the bailout money is that AIG had the audacity to pay out over \$454 million in bonuses to the very people who created and sold the toxic assets that precipitated the banking downfall.

This was one of the many loopholes Representative Lipinski pointed out back in September. In response, he helped introduce legislation that would severely tighten executive compensation standards, and helped pass a bill that would allow the government to recoup 90% of these excessive bonuses. Success should be rewarded but failure should not, especially when it is being paid for with taxpayer money.

Another loophole the congressman noted in September was no guarantee that American taxpayer money would not be used to bail out foreign banks. AIG has disclosed that it has awarded over \$55 billion in American taxpayer funds to foreign banks, including \$11.9 billion to Societe Generale, France's third largest bank, \$11.8 billion to Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest financial institution, and \$8.5 billion to Barclays PLC, head-quartered in England.

And in voting against the bailout last year Rep. Lipinski (pictured at left discussing his opposition to the bank bailout with constituents in Chicago Ridge) said that any legislation aiding the financial industry should have revamped and overhauled the regulatory system that governs this industry. More than eight months after the bailout, a fix of the broken regulatory system has not even started. Yet government officials continue to dump billions in taxpayer funds into the broken system.

Lipinski Leads Fight to Require the Government to “Buy American”

Congressman Lipinski believes strongly that when the government spends American taxpayer dollars they should be spent on American products. The Federal Government buys hundreds of billions of dollars worth of goods and services every year, but laws intended to make sure that money reaches American workers are riddled with loopholes.

To fix this problem, Lipinski led the fight to include a “Buy American” provision in the stimulus bill. This effort helped lead to the inclusion of provisions that will make sure that more jobs are created here at home instead of overseas. Lipinski is also introducing legislation to permanently close loopholes in current law.



Lipinski tours Lapham-Hickey Steel in Bedford Park and discusses the need for “Buy American” legislation.

Lipinski Provides More Support for Seniors and Veterans During Tough Economy

Congressman Lipinski always stands up for our seniors and veterans and knows that it is especially important to do this in these tough economic times. So the congressman is pleased to report that beginning in early May, Social Security and SSI recipients should have begun to receive \$250 checks. For more information please contact the office at 312-886-0481.

Lipinski will continue to protect and defend Social Security and Medicare for seniors, just as he stood up to help defeat Social Security privatization which would have proven disastrous with the decline of the stock market. The congressman is also dedicated to providing veterans with the support they deserve, and in April helped pass an 11.7% increase in funding for veterans' health care services and benefits in 2010.



Lipinski discusses the impact of the bad economy on seniors and veterans at Hometown Heroes event.

Lipinski's Resolution Honoring Catholic Schools Week Passes House



Lipinski visits with students at St. Patricia School in Hickory Hills during Catholic Schools Week and discusses his work in Congress.

In January, Rep. Lipinski honored the 35th Anniversary of Catholic Schools Week with a resolution recognizing the contributions of Catholic schools. The resolution passed the House on a unanimous vote. Established in 1974, Catholic Schools Week celebrates Catholic

schools and their efforts to provide students with a strong academic, moral, and service-oriented education.

A product of twelve years in the Chicago Archdiocese, Congressman Lipinski has long been an advocate for Catholic education as a supplement to strong public schools, witnessing first-hand the important spiritual, moral, and intellectual foundation that Catholic schools provide to students. During a speech on the House floor the congressman said, "Catholic education provided me with the knowledge, discipline, desire to serve, and a love of learning that enabled me to earn my doctorate degree and become a teacher prior to coming to Congress."

Throughout the Chicago area, more than 98,000 students are enrolled in the 256 Catholic elementary and high schools. In the 3rd District of Illinois alone, there are five Catholic high schools and 34 grammar schools. Nationwide Catholic high school graduation rates are exceptional at 99%, with 97% of graduates going on to college or technical schools.

Lipinski Delivers Local Relief from Train Horns

Growing up less than one-hundred yards from railroad tracks, Congressman Lipinski knows all too well the inconveniences caused by local train traffic. That is why he continues to find practical solutions to eliminate idling trains, blocked crossings, and train noise at all hours of the day and night.

In March, Lipinski (pictured at right) announced an agreement with CN Railway to fund the two most significant safety upgrades needed to create a “quiet zone” in Riverside, North Riverside, and Berwyn. This means that trains will no longer be required to sound their horns at 8 local crossings, greatly improving the quality of life enjoyed by residents of these and surrounding communities.



Lipinski Once Again Acts to Protect Local Environment

Congressman Lipinski has worked tirelessly to stop the potential dumping of dredged materials into the the Lucas-Berg Pit in Worth, securing a \$100,000 grant to fund a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers preliminary evaluation study. That study identified 20 potential alternative sites which could be used to prevent the dumping of dredged materials from the Cal-Sag Channel in the Third District.

As a national leader on environmental issues the congressman has fought to keep our communities safe from potential pollutants, including helping to stop BP from dumping dangerous materials from their Indiana refinery into Lake Michigan. And earlier this year Lipinski helped introduce the Great Lakes Water Protection Act (H.R. 54) which would establish a federal deadline to end sewage dumping in the Great Lakes.



Lipinski discusses bill to stop sewage dumping in the Great Lakes.

Congressional Assistance

Representative Lipinski's staff is available to assist you with questions or issues that deal with federal agencies, such as:

- Military Academy appointments
- Obtaining a United States passport
- Social Security and Medicare
- Student financial aid
- U.S. Small Business Administration services
- Immigration, naturalization, and citizenship
- Mail delivery service/issues with the United States Postal Service
- IRS problems
- Consumer protection issues
- Veterans' benefits and military service
- Planning your family and/or class trips to Washington D.C.
- Ordering a flag flown over the United States Capitol building

Lipinski Brings Federal and State Transportation Leaders to District to Promote Local Projects

This spring, Representative Lipinski brought U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Jim Oberstar (MN), Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig (pictured at right), other state and local elected officials, and business and civic leaders to Bridgeview to discuss state and local transportation priorities. The top projects advanced at the meeting were the Central Avenue Bypass and the CREATE rail modernization program.

This discussion occurred as Congress was starting work on a new \$500 billion federal transportation bill that could provide record levels of federal funding for local roads, bridges, underpasses, pedestrian and bike paths, Metra, the CTA, and Pace. Representative Lipinski is Chicagoland's only member of the powerful House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which is charged with drafting the legislation.



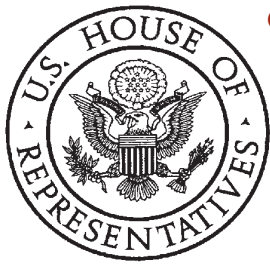
Lipinski to Use New Chairmanship to Promote Jobs and Education

As the newly elected chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee's Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, Congressman Lipinski is working to ensure that America continues its technological leadership and creates new jobs here at home in manufacturing, energy, technology, medicine, and transportation.

Chairman Lipinski knows that America cannot afford to fall behind in research and development that produces jobs, and that in order for our children to compete successfully in the global marketplace we must improve science, technology, engineering, and math education at all levels.



After a recent subcommittee hearing chaired by Lipinski, the congressman discusses informal science education with Dr. Alejandro Grajal, Senior VP for Conservation, Education and Training at Brookfield Zoo.



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Lipinski Secures Millions in Federal Funding for Local Projects



Lipinski announces federal funding for the Village of Justice police department.

FOR FY2009, Lipinski secured over \$6.5 million for local projects, including:

- \$500,000 for Police Departments in Chicago Ridge, Forest Park, Justice, and Cook County
- \$120,000 for improving local water and sewer infrastructure

- \$411,000 to decontaminate the Chicago River at Bubbly Creek
- \$951,500 to research and develop clean energy alternatives
- \$165,072 to implement employment and vocational training services for the disabled at Seguin Services
- \$2,077,000 for food safety research at the IIT campus in Summit
- \$143,000 for Catholic Charities to perform outreach and employment training services for local veterans
- \$190,000 for educational programs at the Children's Museum in Oak Lawn
- \$951,500 to develop breakthrough imaging technology, which would improve drug delivery, cancer therapies, gene delivery, and gene silencing
- \$285,000 to provide counseling services at Oak Lawn Family Services
- \$190,000 to create an accessible playground in Mt. Greenwood
- \$475,000 to construct a new public transit center at Toyota Park in Bridgeview (pictured below)

UPCOMING EVENTS hosted by Congressman Lipinski

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

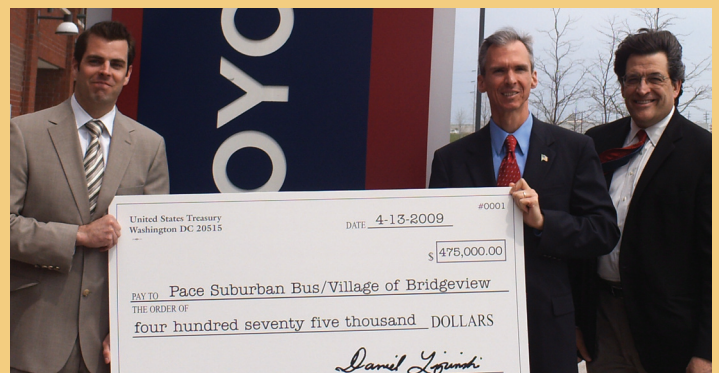
Saturday, June 20, 2009 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Oremus Community Center
7900 S. Oketo Avenue, Bridgeview, IL 60455

Saturday, June 20, 2009 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Hale Park
6258 W. 62nd Street, Chicago, IL 60638

Starting 30 minutes before each meeting, staff will assist constituents with Social Security and other federal issues.

SENIOR FAIR

Monday June, 22, 2009 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Louis S. Viverito Center
7745 S. Leamington, Burbank, IL 60459



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