



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Representing the Third District ★ ★ ★

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Dear Neighbor,

As difficult economic times continue, I remain committed to listening closely to Third District residents and doing what is right for our district and our country. I withstood great pressure and did not support the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout, the \$862 billion stimulus, or the trillion dollar health care bill. While intended to address important issues, they were all seriously flawed.

This newsletter provides an update on some of the ways I have been fighting to help put Americans back to work, improve the quality of life in the Third District, and restore fiscal discipline to our government.

I am fighting to ensure taxpayer dollars buy products made here in America and not overseas, strengthen America's technological competitiveness, promote lending for small business job creation, and rein in the reckless gambling on Wall Street that caused the recession. The House passed my National Manufacturing Strategy Act, which will finally make promotion of American manufacturing – key to job creation and national security – a top priority.

To improve everyday life in the district I have continued to work on local priorities such as bringing back federal funding for police, fire, transportation, and education, establishing quiet zones for trains, and providing better transportation options like weekend service on Metra's Southwest Line.

It is my privilege to serve you. To share your concerns, please come to my Town Hall Meeting on August 10 in Summit. Seniors are also invited to my Senior Fair on August 11 in Lyons. For more details, see the back page or visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan Lipinski

Lipinski Hits Census for Failing to Buy American, Hurting American Workers

Congressman Lipinski is leading the fight to hold the U.S. Census Bureau accountable for spending millions of taxpayer dollars on t-shirts, hats, and other promotional items imported from countries such as China. These goods could have been made in the Chicago area at a competitive price, creating jobs and supporting local workers. The Congressman led 20 House members in sending a letter to the Census demanding



Rep. Lipinski speaks with a constituent about the need to "Buy American."

answers, and in a subsequent meeting secured a pledge from Census Director Dr. Robert Groves to investigate the Bureau's purchasing. It is outrageous that our government spent taxpayer money in this way when so many Americans are out of work. That is why Congressman Lipinski has introduced the Buy American Improvement Act, H.R. 4351, which will close loopholes in existing Buy American laws and prevent this from happening again.

Lipinski Votes to End the Bailout, Rein in Wall Street



Rep. Lipinski talks about his vote against the Wall Street bailout at his Senior Fair in Chicago in May.

Congressman Lipinski, who voted against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout all three times it came to a vote in the House, helped overcome strong opposition to pass H.R. 4173, which will reform Wall Street and end the TARP bailout fund. The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is designed to prevent a repeat of the financial meltdown and future taxpayer-funded bailouts. This bill will help end the notion that some banks are “too big to fail,” crack down on the risky speculative trading that led to the crash, and end some of the lending practices that helped inflate the housing market bubble. Passage of H.R. 4173 was necessary to protect taxpayers and bring order to a financial system that had spiraled out of control. Financial institutions have an important role to play in allocating resources to productive businesses, but the crisis proved that reckless financial behavior is a threat to the entire economy and had to be reined in.

Lipinski Helps Lead Effort to Increase Lending to Small Businesses to Spur Job Creation

Small businesses form the economic backbone of the Third District and create two-thirds of American jobs. Yet almost two years after the financial crisis, banks remain reluctant to lend, and many businesses are unable to add employees as a result. To expand access to credit and create desperately needed jobs, Congressman Lipinski recently helped pass the Small Business Lending Fund Act, H.R. 5297. This bill includes a measure cosponsored by Congressman Lipinski that authorizes \$2 billion for state programs that increase lending to small employers. It also authorizes making \$30 billion available to community banks to spur increased lending to small businesses, and contains strong oversight measures to protect taxpayers. We must ensure small businesses are able to take advantage of new opportunities and hire workers.



Rep. Lipinski talks about the importance of small business at a meeting of the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce.

Lipinski's National Manufacturing Strategy Passes House, Scoring Big Win for American Manufacturing Workers



Congressman Lipinski discusses the need for manufacturing competitiveness with John Kenefick of Corey Steel in Cicero.

Lipinski Focuses on Enhancing U.S. Economic Competitiveness

As we work toward economic recovery in the short term, we cannot overlook the long-term economic challenges America faces from foreign competitors. As chairman of the Research and Science Education Subcommittee, Congressman Lipinski is playing a critical role in reauthorizing the bipartisan America COMPETES Act, H.R. 5116, which recently passed the House. This bill is designed to create jobs and ensure America remains the world's economic leader by investing in innovative research and improving science, technology, engineering, and math education for our children. In addition, the bill provides much-needed support for high-tech research in manufacturing, and will help ensure laboratory discoveries create new products, companies, and jobs for middle-class Americans. The COMPETES Act is a critical investment in the unparalleled scientific and technological ingenuity of the American people.

Congressman Lipinski's National Manufacturing Strategy Act, H.R. 4692, was on the verge of passing the House as this newsletter went to press. Manufacturing remains a source of good-paying jobs for millions of families and is essential to our national security. But American manufacturing has been suffering and the "Made in U.S.A." label is increasingly scarce. After many years of Washington failing to act, Congressman Lipinski was able to build widespread support for passage of his landmark Strategy Act. H.R. 4692 would help to revitalize manufacturing by requiring the government to work with the private sector to conduct an in-depth study of this critical industry and develop specific goals and recommendations for promoting its success. We cannot stand idle while local factories go dark and jobs are shipped overseas, along with America's ability to provide for its own defense. The National Manufacturing Strategy Act will ensure our government makes manufacturing a top priority.



Subcommittee Chairman Lipinski tells committee members his goal is to ensure America remains the world's No. 1 economy.

Lipinski Opposes Excessive Spending, Fights for Fiscal Discipline in Washington

Congressman Lipinski is working to lower the federal budget deficit and restore fiscal sanity to Washington. He has repeatedly opposed wasteful and misguided spending, voting against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout and the \$1 trillion health care bill and refusing to support the \$862 billion stimulus bill. While the economy has forced millions of Americans to cut back, Washington has gone on a borrowing spree to finance excessive spending. As a result, America is at risk of drowning in a sea of red ink. As part of his effort to force a return to fiscal discipline, Congressman Lipinski voted to require new mandatory spending and tax cuts to be offset so they do not add to the deficit. In addition, he cosponsored the bipartisan SAFE Commission Act, H.R. 1557, which would charge a 16-member panel with submitting a plan to Congress for balancing long-term spending and revenues. If Congress failed to introduce its own such plan, the commission's proposal would be automatically brought to a vote.



Rep. Lipinski explains his opposition to wasteful spending and his work to cut the deficit with a Third District resident.

Costs Rise, Evidence Mounts Against Health Care Law



Rep. Lipinski discusses his vote against the health care law with constituents in Vittum Park.

Congressman Lipinski voted against the health care reform bill in March because it does not do enough to slow the skyrocketing cost of health care, cuts hundreds of billions of dollars from Medicare, is fiscally unsustainable, breaks with the status quo by providing federal funding for abortion, and rewards drug companies and other special interests. Since then, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has doubled its previous estimate of discretionary spending in the law, pushing the total price tag past \$1 trillion. Reports indicate that much more money will be needed to pay for the high-risk insurance pools created in the law. Even before the vote, claims that the health care law would reduce the deficit could not withstand scrutiny, which is one reason Congressman Lipinski voted against it. The more we learn about the new health care law, the clearer it becomes that it is unaffordable and will only add to America's already overwhelming debt.

Lipinski Obtains Federal Funding for Local Police, Transportation, and Education

Congressman Lipinski has made the improvement of everyday life in the Third District a top priority, including delivering upgrades in community safety, transportation, and education. Recently, a House subcommittee approved funding requested by Lipinski for two local police departments: \$135,000 for Countryside to purchase new communications equipment, and \$65,000 for Brookfield to purchase in-car digital cameras that will save the village money. Previously, the Congressman secured \$100,000 for equipment that will allow Oak Lawn police to view school safety-camera video from their vehicles. Meanwhile, the House Appropriations Committee has preliminarily approved \$190,000 Lipinski requested for much-needed improvements to the Chicago Ridge Metra Station. This follows his success in bringing home \$700,000 for renovations to the aging Stone Avenue



Oak Lawn Village Manager Larry Deetjen and Police Chief William Villanova thank the Congressman for obtaining \$100,000 for village police.

Metra Station in La Grange. In addition, both students and the community will benefit from the \$750,000 that Congressman Lipinski obtained for Saint Xavier University to install educational technology in its new library.

Lipinski Fights to Hold Airlines Accountable and Protect Passengers



Rep. Lipinski discusses the need to ensure our aviation system works for passengers at a press conference with Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Jerry Costello, Chicago Aviation Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino, and Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce President Jerry Roper.

Congressman Lipinski's leadership helped pave the way for U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood's plan to require airlines to reimburse checked-baggage fees in cases where luggage is lost or delayed. Last year, the Congressman included a similar measure in the House version of the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization. Now that sky-high baggage fees are ubiquitous, passengers have a right to expect better service. Rep. Lipinski looks forward to implementation of the new reimbursement requirement. He will continue working to make sure airline passengers – and all American consumers – are treated fairly.



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Congressman Lipinski Holds Town Hall Meeting and Senior Fair



Congressman Lipinski discusses Medicare issues with an area resident in Justice.

UPCOMING EVENTS Hosted by Congressman Lipinski

TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday, August 10, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Argo-Summit American Legion Hall
6050 S. Harlem Avenue, Summit, IL

Starting one hour before the meeting, staff will assist constituents with Social Security and other federal issues.

SENIOR FAIR

Wednesday, August 11, 2010
10:00 a.m. – Noon
George Washington Middle School
8101 W. Ogden Avenue, Lyons, IL

The Congressman's Senior Fair gives seniors a chance to get help from his staff with federal issues and benefits. Numerous organizations that work with seniors will also provide assistance.

Congressional Assistance

My staff is available to assist you with:

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- Planning trips to Washington D.C.
- Ordering a U.S. Capitol flag

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Congressman Lipinski delivers long overdue medals to veteran Ray Wagner of Chicago.

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