



Congressman Cohen and his District Office staff are ready to aid constituents with their requests.

Question 2

Would you like to learn more about district services available to you and get issue updates?

- yes
- no

Question 3

Use this space to let me know what's on your mind. What are your top priorities for federal action?

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Please return this form in an envelope to:

Congressman Steve Cohen
167 North Main Street, Suite 369
Memphis, TN 38103

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Please send email updates to:

Congressman Steve Cohen Guide To Constituent Services

Services Available Through My Memphis Office

Contact my district office to get advice or assistance regarding:

- Social Security and Medicare Benefits
- Veterans' Benefits and Military Service Issues
- Small Business Administration Loans and Services
- FHA, VA Home Loans
- Civil Rights Complaints (EEOC)
- Federal Grants
- Workers' Compensation Claims
- Civil Service Pensions and Benefits
- Railroad Retirement Benefits
- Passports
- IRS Problems
- White House Tours (requires at least two months notice)
- Congressional Tours
- Purchase of flags flown over the U.S. Capitol

Seniors

We can ask the U.S. Treasury to replace lost Social Security checks, inquire on your behalf regarding Medicare reimbursement disputes and check the status of appeals of unfavorable decisions regarding retirement, disability or survivor benefits. Please contact my office if your problem has not been resolved to your satisfaction.

Veterans

We can investigate and advocate for you regarding denied veterans' benefits such as pensions and medical care.

Student Information

My office can provide information on federal student loan programs such as Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans, Federal Work Study, Perkins Loans, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

Information is also available on the Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program, which includes the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship, the Aspire Award, the Tennessee

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HOPE Access Grant, the General Assembly Merit Scholarship, and the Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant programs.

Service Academy Nominations

Each year, I recommend high school graduates for admission to the United States service academies (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Merchant Marines). Applicants must live in Tennessee's 9th Congressional District and be between the ages of 17 and 23. The nominations are made on a non-political, competitive basis. We suggest you begin the application process in your junior year.

Non-Profit Organizations & Municipalities

Please visit my office or my web site (cohen.house.gov) for information about opportunities to receive federal grants and federal loans.

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Dear Constituents,

It is an honor to represent you in the U.S. Congress. Since taking office in January 2007, I have worked hard to represent the interests and wishes of District 9. Constituent input via calls, letters, emails, personal meetings and at the twelve public events hosted in our district over the past sixteen months have shaped my voting record in Congress to best represent you.

As I've traveled the district visiting schools, community and senior centers, places of worship, veterans halls, hospitals and public forums, you've made clear what issues are paramount. Among the issues most pressing on the minds of constituents are the economy and jobs, violent crime, subprime mortgages and home foreclosures, accessibility to health care, educational opportunities from pre-kindergarten through college, the proposed Northwest Airlines merger and, of course, the war in Iraq.

Learning more each day about the Congressional process and forming close working relationships with fellow members of Congress have benefitted our district in terms of legislation passed by Congress and funding for District 9. Working closely with Speaker Pelosi, Committee Chairmen and other House Leaders has allowed me to secure important funding for our district and to pass legislation honoring Memphis heroes Judge Odell Horton and Reverend Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. It's a pleasure to report that my voting record is the sixth best of all 435 members of Congress.

The Tennessee Congressional Delegation continues to work together to secure Medicare DSH (Disproportionate Share Hospitals) reimbursement for our hospitals and I continue to fight to ensure that The MED can be reimbursed for services provided to indigent patients from other states. The MED provides services to residents of other states, at a high cost to District 9 taxpayers, and should be eligible for reimbursement from the states which receive the Medicaid payment for those patients. Additionally, Congressman Jim Cooper of Nashville and I continue to work together to ensure Historically Black Colleges and Universities, such as LeMoyné-Owen, have funding to continue their educational missions.

Please visit cohen.house.gov for a wealth of information, including a complete listing of legislation being sponsored and supported on your behalf, videos of floor speeches, constituent service information, press releases, and much more. Additionally, each week's district and Capitol events are reported in our e-newsletter to those constituents who have "opted in." You may opt in via the website at cohen.house.gov, by calling 202-225-3265, or by including your email address when you mail in the attached survey. Keeping the lines of communication open is vital to best serve you.

Finally, you are invited to both of the upcoming Town Halls:

Please join me to voice your concerns and opinions.

Monday, May 12
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Memphis Botanic Garden
Hardin Hall
750 Cherry Road

Saturday, May 17
10:00 A.M. – Noon
Orange Mound Community
Center
2590 Park Avenue

Most sincerely,

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Photos from district events of 2008 (clockwise from upper left): April 5th Town Hall at Rhodes College with civil rights leader C.T. Vivian, artist/activist Harry Belafonte, actor/activist Danny Glover, House Judiciary Chairman John Conyers and Congressman Cohen, speaking to constituents about District 9 issues; Whalum Family at ceremony naming of Kenneth T. Whalum, Sr. Post Office Building; West Tennessee Veterans and Small Business Conference hosted by Congressmen John Tanner and Steve Cohen along with the University of Tennessee; January District Office Open House for constituents; Congressman Cohen and Housing experts answer questions at the Foreclosure Assistance Workshop hosted by Congressman Cohen at LeMoyné-Owen College.

In the District, it has been encouraging that many of you have attended our open house, town hall meetings and other issue forums. It was an honor to host my esteemed Congressional colleague Judiciary Chair John Conyers (MI), artist/activist Harry Belafonte, civil rights leader C.T. Vivian and actor/activist Danny Glover at the Town Hall meeting on April 5 at Rhodes College.

Many organizations monitor the voting records of members of Congress on specific issue areas. Following is a list of grades, scores or awards from organizations based upon my voting records.

Organization	Grade/Score/Award
AFL-CIO	96%
American Association of University Women	100%
American Civil Liberties Union	100%
American Wilderness Coalition	100%
Americans for Democratic Action	100%
Children's Defense Fund	100%
DarfurScores.org	A+
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund	100%
Drum Major Institute (Middle Class Economic issues)	A+
Humane Society of the United States	100%
League of Conservation Voters	95%
NAACP	A
NARAL (Reproductive Rights)	100%
National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare	100%
National Education Association	A
Progressive Punch	94.87%
Aid to Less Advantaged	18 of 429 MOC*
Education, Arts, Humanities	1 of 424 MOC
Environment	31 of 429 MOC
Health Care Issues	1 of 429 MOC
Housing Issues	1 of 429 MOC
Human Rights and Civil Liberties	51 of 424 MOC
Labor Rights	1 of 429 MOC
War and Peace	4 of 424 MOC
Shriver Center Poverty Scorecard	A+
United Fresh Produce Association	100%

* Members of Congress



Pictured left: Keenon McCloy, Aurelia Kyles and Suki Carson with Congressman Cohen on the White House lawn, after receiving the National Medal on behalf of the Memphis Public Library system in a White House ceremony. Congressman Cohen nominated the Memphis Public Library for the award.

Center: Congress marked the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death with a ceremony in the Capitol's Statuary Hall, including remarks from Martin Luther King III.

Right: Congressman Cohen with Pastor W. James Thomas II, shortly after Pastor Thomas delivered the opening prayer for the Wednesday, March 12, 2008, session of the U.S. House of Representatives.

2008 Congressional Constituent Survey

Question 1

Do the following issues concern you a lot, somewhat or not at all?

	a lot	somewhat	not at all
Affordable housing/home foreclosures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal welfare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts Funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of public transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Civil rights and civil liberties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Criminal sentencing reform, e.g. crack vs. cocaine sentencing & elimination of mandatory minimum sentencing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gasoline and utility costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Global warming and the environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Head Start/early childhood education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Higher education/student assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase in Crime	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jobs and the economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K-12 Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining Memphis as a transportation hub	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Medicare and Social Security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety in schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Small business development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The War in Iraq	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Universal health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Veterans' rights and benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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