

35 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP & PROGRESS

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)

LOWERING COSTS FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES

INFLATION REDUCTION ACT, a sweeping, transformative piece of legislation that slashes prescription drug costs, lowers the cost of health care, lowers energy costs, makes transformative investment in climate action, lowers the deficit and reduces inflation. (Signed into Law – PL 117-169)

OCEAN SHIPPING REFORM ACT, which lowers the costs of American consumers by cracking down on the exorbitant fees charged by international ocean shipping companies, which are then passed on to American consumers. The bill also cracks down on the ability of international shipping companies, when they have delivered Asian exports to our West Coast, to refuse to take American exports back to Asia, leaving with empty containers instead – which costs America's farmers and ranchers. (Signed into Law – PL 117-146)

ACCESS TO BABY FORMULA ACT, which was an important bill that helped improve access to infant formula for vulnerable families who depend upon the WIC program during the infant formula shortage crisis. Infant formula is essential to a baby's early life and development. The shortage crisis was caused in February 2022 when Abbott Nutrition, the largest infant formula manufacturer in the country, initiated a voluntary recall of several lines of its infant formula due to concerns about bacterial infection at its Michigan facility, after four infants fell ill and two died. (Signed into Law – PL 117-129)

INVESTING IN AMERICAN INNOVATION & JOBS

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT, a bill that provides an historic investment in improving our infrastructure, that will modernize our roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports, airports, broadband, and drinking water and wastewater infrastructure. (Signed into Law – PL 117-58)

CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT, a critically important bill that will turbocharge American R&D, lower costs for consumers and create 100,000 new good-paying jobs by building high-tech manufacturing facilities here in America – ending our dependence on foreign chip manufacturers. (Signed into Law – PL 117-167)

RESPONDING TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021, a \$1.9 trillion package that was designed to address the unprecedented coronavirus health and economic crisis. Its provisions focused on crushing the coronavirus, returning children safely to classrooms, getting COVID-19 vaccines to the American people, putting dollars into families' pockets, and putting people back to work. Importantly, this bill included the Butch Lewis Emergency Pension Relief Act – strengthening the financing of pension plans. (Signed into Law – PL 117-2)

MAKING A SAFER AMERICA

ENDING FORCED ARBITRATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT, which allows sexual harassment and sexual assault survivors to elect to file a case in a court of law rather than be subject to forced arbitration provisions in cases involving sexual harassment or sexual assault, which deprive survivors of their rights. (Signed into Law – PL 117-90)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION, a bipartisan and robust Violence Against Women Act reauthorization. It includes key improvements to address gaps in current law, including making vital new investments in prevention, improving services for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and sexual assault, and working to better protect Native American women. The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization was included in H.R. 2471, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, and was signed into law in March 2022 as part of that bill. (Signed into Law – PL 117-103)

BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT, a bipartisan, bicameral life-saving bill, which is the most significant piece of gun violence prevention legislation in nearly 30 years. From suicide and domestic violence to gun violence in our cities and mass shooting, the bill creates commonsense gun safety regulations to tackle the problem from all angles. (Signed into Law – PL 117-159)

PROTECTING PILLARS OF OUR DEMOCRACY

POSTAL REFORM ACT OF 2022, which includes reforms that will put the Postal Service on a much stronger financial footing. For example, it eliminates the requirement that the Postal Service pre-fund retiree health benefits for all current and retired employers for 75 years in the future, allowing the Postal Service to save \$27 billion over 10 years. (Signed into Law – PL 117-108)

PROTECTING HUMAN & CIVIL RIGHTS

COVID-19 HATE CRIMES ACT, which is an important bill that focuses on COVID-19 hate crimes and the dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans during the COVID-19 pandemic. (Signed into Law – PL 117-13)

UYGHUR FORCED LABOR DISCLOSURE ACT, a bill to require U.S. publicly listed companies to review and actively audit supply chains for forced labor. This bill was created after reports implicating a number of U.S. companies in the Chinese government's forced labor scheme being carried out against ethic Uyghurs. (Signed into Law – PL 117-78)

EMMETT TILL ANTILYNCHING ACT, which explicitly designates lynching as a hate crime under federal law for the first time. The bill is named in honor of Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American youth from Chicago who was lynched while visiting an uncle in Mississippi in 1955 after being accused of whistling at a white woman. Prior to this bill being signed, there was no federal law explicitly prohibiting lynching. The enactment of this bill corrected this historic injustice. (Signed into Law – PL 117-107)

STANDING WITH UKRAINE

ENDING IMPORTATION OF RUSSIAN OIL ACT, which, in response to Russia's unprovoked and brutal invasion of Ukraine, ended all importation of energy products from Russia into the United States. (Signed into Law – PL 117-109)

SUSPENDING NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND BELARUS ACT, which, in response to Russia's unprovoked and brutal invasion of Ukraine, suspended normal trade relations with Russia and Belarus. The bill also authorized the President to proclaim increases in the rates of duty applicable to products of Russia and Belarus. (Signed into Law – PL 117-110)

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY DEFENSE LEND-LEASE ACT, which is a bipartisan bill that is designed to bolster Ukraine's war-fighting capabilities. The lend-lease bill significantly enhances lend-lease authorities available to President Biden. The bill will ensure that shipments of urgently needed weapons systems, ammunition, and military assistance in other forms arrive in Ukrainian hands faster and more seamlessly. (Signed into Law – PL 117-118)

HONORING OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR VETERANS

HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022, which is an important new veterans' health bill that expands VA health care and benefits for veterans who have been exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. (Signed into Law – PL 117-168)