



Delivering Results for the 14th District

**LAUREN
UNDERWOOD**
14TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS



Rep. Underwood's Time in Congress

BY THE NUMBERS

2,974

Constituent Cases
Closed

\$15,388,873

in Social Security,
Veterans, Savings, and
other Benefits Recovered
for Constituents

112,714

Letters to
Constituents

Rep. Underwood's Time in Congress

BY THE NUMBERS

7

Pieces of
Legislation
Signed Into
Law

18

Bills
Passed
the House

17

Pieces of
Legislation
Introduced
this
Congress

347

In-District
Meetings
with
Constituents

Rep. Underwood's Time in Congress

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BY THE NUMBERS

**\$35.6
Million**

in Tax Cuts for IL-14
Families with
Children

**\$1.98
Billion**

in COVID-19 Emergency
Grants and Loans Delivered
to IL-14 Families and
Businesses since March 2020

**\$1.43
Billion**

in Additional Federal
Grant Dollars Secured
for Local Projects
since January 2019

Rep. Underwood's Time in Congress

BY THE NUMBERS

- 35 Town Halls in All Seven Counties**
- 49 Open Office Hours**
- 91 Community Events**
- 97 Visits to Local Business or Organizations**
- 24 Facebook Live Events with Community Guests**

Economic Security

- As a House Appropriator, secured over \$40 million in direct federal funding to improve local roads, expand educational opportunities, improve facilities for the Illinois Air National Guard, modernize health infrastructure, support foster youth, and invest in water and sewer infrastructure in House-passed FY 2022 appropriations bills.
- Cut taxes for millions of Illinois families with children by expanding the Child Tax Credit for 2021.
- Introduced legislation to provide tax relief to middle class families in northern Illinois by fixing the state and local tax (SALT) deduction (H.R. 2439).
- Secured over \$55 billion for nationwide rental and mortgage assistance to ensure families do not lose their homes due to the pandemic.





Economic Security

- Secured over \$50 billion in emergency relief to stabilize the child care industry during the pandemic.
- Passed legislation through the House to expand the national Registered Apprenticeship program and create nearly one million new apprenticeship opportunities in high-paying, high-demand industries (H.R. 447).
- Delivered economic impact stimulus payments to Illinois families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including championing legislation to extend economic impact payments to children younger than 19, students 24 and younger, and dependents who are disabled (H.R. 6420 (116th)).
- Passed the Broadband DATA Act to improve IL-14 broadband coverage.
- Introduced legislation to make women and families more secure in retirement (H.R. 4678).
- Passed the Paycheck Fairness Act to ensure equal pay for equal work through the House (H.R. 7).
- Secured financial resources for local chambers of commerce, farm bureaus, and trade associations in COVID-19 relief legislation.

Climate Change

- Passed an infrastructure bill through the House to create clean energy jobs and modernize transit systems (H.R. 3684).
- Introduced the Climate and Health Protection Act to protect communities from harmful public health effects of climate change (H.R. 3956).
- Introduced bipartisan legislation, the Farmers Fighting Climate Change Act, to support farmers delivering climate solutions (H.R. 2456).
- Introduced the Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act to address the increased risks of pregnancy complications posed by extreme heat and air pollution (H.R. 957).
- Twice secured continued funding for the CDC's Climate and Health Program, rejecting then-President Trump's proposal to eliminate the program (H.R. 1865 (116th Cong.), H.R. 133 (116th Cong.)).



Climate Change

- Protected the integrity and availability of federal climate science data so northern Illinois farmers can better anticipate extreme weather events (H.Amdt. 430 to H.R. 3055 (116th Cong.))
- Secured funding for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to mitigate flooding and stop the spread of invasive Asian carp in the Great Lakes.

Health Care



- Passed the American Rescue Plan with a two-year version of Rep. Underwood's Health Care Affordability Act (H.R. 369) to lower out-of-pocket health care premiums by hundreds or thousands of dollars per year for individuals and families (H.R. 1319).
- Passed the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, which will generate hundreds of billions of dollars in savings on prescription drug costs by giving Medicare the power to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies and establishing an out-of-pocket cap on prescription drug spending by Medicare beneficiaries, through the House (H.R. 3).
- Introduced legislation to require insurance companies to provide 3 primary care and 3 mental health visits per year without out-of-pocket costs, and to cover life-saving medications for conditions like diabetes and asthma without out-of-pocket costs (H.R. 3550, H.R. 4371).

Health Care

- Passed legislation to secure the U.S. medical product supply chain and ensure access to the prescription drugs and medical devices that people depend on (H.R. 6282, passed as part of H.R. 748).
- Passed legislation to ensure state and local public health departments have the data they need to respond to COVID-19 and future health emergencies (provisions of H.R. 8205, passed as part of H.R. 133).
- Passed legislation into law to ensure that health insurance companies provide adequate coverage of mental health treatments (H.R. 3165, passed as part of H.R. 133).
- Introduced a historic legislative package to save moms' lives by comprehensively improving maternal health care during and after pregnancy, and reducing racial disparities in outcomes (H.R. 959).
- Passed legislation through the House to protect people with preexisting conditions from Trump-era efforts to reduce their available coverage options (H.R. 1010, H.Amdt. 424 to H.R. 3055, H. Amdt. 865 to H.R. 7617).
- Supported older Americans during COVID-19 through legislation to enhance infection control and prevention, testing, and PPE in nursing homes, as well as to provide residents with the technology they need to keep in touch with their families and health care providers (H.R. 7254, H.R. 6698, H.R. 6487).
- Introduced legislation to promote vaccinations and provide communities with the resources they need to accelerate COVID-19 vaccination efforts (H.R. 736).

Veterans

- Introduced legislation to address the veteran suicide crisis (H.R. 2372, H.R. 4282, H.R. 2749).
- Passed the Protecting Moms Who Served Act with unanimous bipartisan support in the House to improve maternal health care for veterans (H.R. 958).
- Honored over 250 local Vietnam veterans for their service through three Congressional pinning ceremonies.
- Passed legislation to improve health care services for women veterans (H.R. 3636, H.R. 4281).
- Passed bipartisan legislation to expand STEM career opportunities to veterans in clinical health training programs (H.R. 6140, passed as part of H.R. 7105).
- Eliminated copayments for medical care for veterans during the COVID-19 pandemic through the American Rescue Plan Act.





Education and Youth

- Delivered over \$284 million in pandemic relief to K-12 public schools in Illinois' 14th District.
- Introduced legislation to invest in evidence-based initiatives to prevent child suicide (H.R. 5035).
- Introduced legislation to improve financial aid and the student loan application process (H.R. 4241, H.R. 4240 (116th Cong.)).
- Passed legislation to protect kids from Big Tobacco and e-cigarettes (H.R. 2339, H.R. 4019).
- Passed legislation to increase federal funding to strengthen child abuse prevention and improve the quality of child protection services (H.R. 485).
- Helped IL-14 student loan borrowers receive more than \$268,000 in loan forgiveness by holding the Department of Education accountable.
- Helped lead the push to undo Secretary DeVos's harmful borrower defense rule that made it impossible for student borrowers defrauded by for-profit colleges to get the relief they deserve—paving the way for defrauded borrowers to receive full relief under the Biden Administration.

Agriculture

- Funded U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs that provide trade and pandemic relief for Illinois farmers.
- Conducted rigorous oversight of USDA efforts to aid Illinois agricultural communities affected by tariffs, extreme weather, and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Supported Illinois biofuel and agriculture industry jobs by pushing the Trump Administration to stop its abuse of small refinery waivers.
- Extended the biodiesel tax credit to support Illinois farmers and strengthen our rural economy.
- Expanded eligibility for pandemic-related emergency Economic Injury Disaster Loans to farmers and agricultural businesses (H.R. 266).



Immigration

- Passed the American Dream and Promise Act, which would provide Dreamers a pathway to citizenship, through the House (H.R. 6).
- Supported landmark legislation to reform our broken immigration system in a way that respects human dignity, keeps families together, and strengthens our economy (H.R. 1177).
- Passed the Counter Terrorist Network Act to strengthen U.S. border security (H.R. 3526 (116th Cong.)).



Ensuring the Safety of our Communities

- Funded gun violence prevention research and passed legislation to close dangerous loopholes and ensure universal background checks (H.R. 8, H.R. 1446, H.R. 2585 (116th Cong.), H.R. 1865 (116th Cong.), H.R. 133 (116th Cong.)).
- Passed urgently-needed policing reform legislation to ban chokeholds, end no-knock warrants, and bring accountability and transparency to law enforcement across the country (H.R. 1280).
- Secured increased funding for the EPA to protect our community from dangerous ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions (H.R. 4502).
- Passed the Equality Act through the House to expand federal civil rights laws to explicitly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, education, housing, credit, jury service, public accommodations, and federal funding.

Ensuring the Safety of our Communities

- Secured funding for the Department of Justice to address domestic extremist radicalization, hate crimes, bias in policing, violence against women, and the rape kit backlog (H.R. 4505).
- Passed the Safe Communities Act to better protect suburban and rural communities like ours from domestic terrorism (H.R. 5780 (116th Cong.)).
- Fought for increased funding for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to prevent and respond to ransomware attacks and other cyber threats (H.R. 4431)

Fighting Corruption & Strengthening Democracy

- Secured \$13,899,434 in federal funding to protect our elections from foreign interference and ensure states had the resources they needed to administer elections safely during the pandemic and supported funding for the Department of Justice to enforce the Voting Rights Act (H.R. 748 (116th Cong.), H.R. 4505).
- Backed legislation to ensure clean and fair elections by reducing barriers to voting, expanding early and absentee voting, and improving transparency in campaign finance (H.R. 1, H.R. 4).

