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**Congressional
Update**

**Constituent
Survey
Enclosed**

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Dear Friend,

As your representative in Congress, it is imperative for me to remain well informed of your views regarding legislative proposals. This mailing is intended to provide you with two means of keeping me so informed. I hope you will participate in at least one if not both means of feedback.

First, on the reverse side of this mailing you will find a constituent survey. Please note that there are two response areas for each question so that two persons per household may respond. Second, below you will find a schedule of my next series of Town Meetings. I sincerely enjoy my interactions with constituents at Town Meetings and hope you will be able to join me at one of them. If you are planning to attend a Town Meeting and complete the constituent survey, don't forget to mark down the date, time, and location of the meeting that best suits your schedule prior to returning the survey.

On a final note, please don't forget to utilize my website at www.house.gov/platts as a reference tool concerning the federal government. Several changes were made to the site recently making it easier to research legislation and federal grant opportunities, to get updated news, and to make use of the many resources that federal agencies have to offer. As always, best wishes!

Sincerely,

Todd Russell Platts

Hearing Investigates Terrorist Financing

When Saddam Hussein was captured, our soldiers discovered \$750,000 in American currency in his possession, illustrating the fact that money provides the lifeblood for acts of terror. Financial crime is the functional equivalent of a war industry for terrorists. As Chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, I co-chaired a recent hearing on terrorist financing with Rep. Adam Putnam, Chairman of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Census.

A panel of financial crime experts from the State Department, Customs, Department of the Treasury, Secret Service and FBI testified on efforts to combat terrorist money laundering. The hearing focused on the enhanced use of information technology and ways agencies can better share information and work cooperatively to maximize efficiencies. The complexity of terrorist financing requires the involvement of more than 20 federal agencies.

The hearing also highlighted concerns raised in several General Accounting Office (GAO) reports and a recent United Nations report, which documented that only 83 of 191 countries have complied with resolutions to freeze accounts of terrorist financiers. The witnesses testified that international reforms are a necessary cornerstone in the war on terrorist financing since two-thirds of the money funneled to terrorists is outside the U.S.

Focusing on the financial aspect of terrorism in a post-9/11 world is imperative for a number of reasons. Most importantly, financial audit trails provide crucial evidence for bringing terrorists to justice. The dismantling of funding networks will help prevent future attacks. According to hearing witnesses, at least six potentially deadly terrorist attacks have been prevented through the coordinated efforts of law enforcement. The witnesses emphasized the importance of law enforcement officials keeping pace with emerging money laundering schemes such as trade in precious metals and gemstones, counterfeiting and smuggling. It is equally important to leverage resources effectively to dismantle such funding schemes.

Hearings such as this one focused on terrorist financing are part of the important oversight responsibility Congress has to ensure the effective and efficient operation of federal government agencies.



Police Officer Honored -- Southern Regional Police Detective Roger Goodfellow was recently named Police Officer of the Year by Glen Rock American Legion, Post 403. Joining me for the presentation of a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Detective Goodfellow was Post 403 Commander John Russell. All citizens should be ever thankful for the selfless and courageous service of our law enforcement personnel.

Town Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 17

West Shore Senior Center
122 Geary Avenue
New Cumberland
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18

Grand Army of the Republic
53 East Middle Street
Gettysburg
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 19

South Middleton Twp. Fire Company
405 Forge Road
Boiling Springs
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

Central York High School
300 East Seventh Ave.
York
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Constituent Survey

The survey below is an important means of maintaining a close rapport with you. Your taking the time to complete and return the survey is greatly appreciated. **Please note that there are two response areas for each question so that two persons per household may respond.** Thank you for your assistance!

1. Should the top corporate tax rate be reduced from 35% to 32% for domestic manufacturers in an effort to retain and create jobs for workers here in the United States?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Do you support the recent decision of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to permit national broadcast companies to own local broadcast stations reaching 45% of all U.S. households, up from 35%?

Yes _____ No _____

3. Should the \$1,000 child tax credit be "refundable" (i.e., be made payable to those whose income is too low to owe federal income tax)?

Yes _____ No _____

4. Do you believe prescription drugs approved for use in the United States can be safely re-imported into the country from Canada, the European Union, and other industrialized countries?

Yes _____ No _____

5. Should the U.S. Constitution be amended to prohibit states from recognizing same-sex marriages?

Yes _____ No _____

6. Should the federal government provide federal program benefits that are offered based on marital status (i.e., Social Security spousal benefits) to state-recognized same-sex civil unions?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Should Congress extend for an additional 13 weeks unemployment compensation benefits for individuals who have exhausted their 26 weeks of standard benefits?

Yes _____ No _____

8. Should legal "temporary worker" status be offered to currently undocumented illegal immigrants working in agriculture and other industries if the worker follows the established application process, abides by the rules, and agrees to return home after the period of work expires?

Yes _____ No _____

9. Do you support the U.S. led liberation and stabilization of Iraq?

Yes _____ No _____

10. Would you like to receive periodic e-mail updates from my office regarding upcoming legislative proposals and the actions of Congress? If so, **please print** your e-mail address(es) in the space provided.

Yes _____ No _____

E-mail(s): _____

11. Should the requirement for work or job training for welfare recipients be increased from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week?

Yes _____ No _____

12. Should legislation be enacted to ensure faith-based institutions have the same opportunity as other non-profits in competing for federal funds for job training programs, social services, etc.?

Yes _____ No _____

13. Should Congress enact caps on the amount of non-economic (i.e., pain and suffering) and punitive damages that can be awarded in medical malpractice cases?

Yes _____ No _____

14. Should Congress cap attorney fees in medical malpractice cases?

Yes _____ No _____

15. Should lawful gun manufacturers be liable for the criminal misuse of firearms by individuals?

Yes _____ No _____

16. Should Congress increase highway and transit funding this year to reduce congestion and strengthen our transportation network?

Yes _____ No _____

17. Should federal funding be provided for medical research involving new embryonic stem cell lines?

Yes _____ No _____

18. To enhance charitable giving, should taxpayers who do not itemize deductions still be permitted to deduct a portion of their charitable contributions (i.e., take an "above-the-line" deduction)?

Yes _____ No _____

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