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**Trent Franks**

*Congressional Update*

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*Dear Friend,*

It is my deepest privilege and honor to continue serving you in the House of Representatives on behalf of the Second Congressional District of Arizona. This month, as we once again celebrate the day that America commemorates her independence and the ideals which gave her birth, I want to take a moment to communicate with you some of my recent activities in Congress.



Congressman Franks speaks about religious freedom on the West Capitol lawn, along with nearly 40 other Members of Congress, at the "Call America to Prayer" press conference.

The Fourth of July celebrates our patriotism, our faith, and our freedom. This year as we celebrate, it is so important to remember with deepest gratitude the courage and unspeakable sacrifice of those noble soldiers who have gone before us, as well as those still fighting to preserve that timeless ideal called Liberty. Their lives and legacy must never be forgotten.

The unprecedented challenges we face as guardians of Liberty must be met with wisdom, resilience, and courage. As your representative in Congress, I will continue to give my unwavering support to legislation that protects the core foundations, truths, and values our great nation was built upon. I hope that you will find this update helpful and informative. Please take a minute to fill out and return the enclosed survey so that I may better understand your views. Your thoughts and concerns are extremely important to me, so please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you. It has been my honor to serve you thus far in the 110th Congress, and I look forward to making 2007 an even greater year for America.

Most Sincerely,

*Trent Franks*  
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## Preserving the Constitution

As Ranking Member on the Constitution Subcommittee, I remain absolutely committed to preserving our sacred Constitution and the inalienable rights it enumerates. In the spirit of our nation's Founders, we must remember the self-evident truth that human beings do not have rights because of government, they have government because of their rights. America's revolutionary experiment in liberty birthed a "shining city upon a hill," the freest, strongest, and wealthiest nation in the history of the world, and as we continue to champion liberty, Congress must reaffirm the cornerstones of both national security and protecting the sanctity of all human life.

In an age of jihadist terrorism, in which we find ourselves facing one of the most blatant forms of abject evil, it is crucial that we adhere to immutable truth and moral clarity, and never forget the blessing of our inherited legacy as Americans— God-given, self-evident, inalienable, and constitutionally recognized rights. Only by remaining faithful to America's fundamental ideals, traditions, rights and duties, will we prevail over the greatest challenges of our time.

## Restoring Missile Defense

Perhaps the greatest responsibility bestowed on Members of Congress is to provide for the protection of the American people. As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have fought continuously in recent months to address the severe funding cuts recently made to our critical missile defense programs. While countries such as Iran and North Korea continue to actively pursue advanced missile technology and nuclear proliferation, Congress is obligated to ensure that the Department of Defense develops and deploys defensive capabilities that protect the American people, our war fighters, and our allies.

## Luke Air Force Base

Luke Air Force Base fills a critical role in preserving America's freedom and security, and I continue efforts to keep Luke "modernized and mission-ready." Luke's primary mission is to train our nation's F-16 pilots, and is the only active duty F-16 training base in the world. As such, I am working to replace the existing asphalt runway with concrete, saving taxpayer dollars and protecting the pilots and engines from unreasonable safety hazards. Luke AFB and the Barry Goldwater Range are vital components to protecting our nation; and I remain committed to providing our men and women in the armed forces with the very best in technology, training, and equipment.

## Honoring our Noble Veterans

We owe a great debt of gratitude to the veterans who have fought in the past, and to those soldiers who are even now waging a relentless battle with militant jihadism — not because they hate what is in front of them, but because they love what is behind them. I will continue to be passionately supportive of efforts to assist America's veterans.

### CONGRESSMAN FRANKS VOTED IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS:

- ★ **H.R. 67** — Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007, allowing states to give grants to local governments that provide veterans outreach services and state agencies that administer outreach programs.
- ★ **H.R. 612** — Returning Service Member VA Healthcare Insurance Act of 2007, which would amend current law to extend the period of eligibility for service members who served in a combat zone after 1998, to receive hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care.
- ★ **H.R. 1470** — Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act, requiring that an existing federal chiropractic treatment program provide its services in at least 75 medical centers by 2009, and in all medical centers by 2011.
- ★ **H.R. 2199** — Traumatic Brain Injury Health Enhancement and Long-Term Support Act of 2007, would establish several new programs relating to the care of veterans who have experienced a traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- ★ **H.R. 2239** — Early Access to Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Benefits Act, which would expand eligibility for vocational rehabilitation benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.



Congressman Franks speaks to two friendly constituents about senior health care issues at an April Town Hall meeting in Sun City West.



## CONGRESSMAN FRANKS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below and send it back so that Trent knows where you stand on the issues before Congress.

Check one:  Mr.  Ms.  Mrs.  Mr. & Mrs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Tell us what issues are most important to you.

For each issue, rank 1-5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important.

___ Budget Deficit	___ Social Security	___ Immigration
___ War on Terror	___ Jobs/Economy/Taxes	___ Health Care
___ Agriculture	___ Values	___ Homeland Security
___ Other (fill in blank) _____		

### Which of the following best represents your stance on illegal immigration?

- We need to secure our borders, strengthen our immigration laws, and hire more federal officials to enforce the laws. It is the wrong time to expand legal forms of immigration.
- Improved security and creating a temporary employment program should be of equal importance.
- Our current immigration laws are strong enough; we need to take steps to help undocumented workers become legal workers.
- We don't need to make any changes.
- Other (fill in blank) \_\_\_\_\_

### Do you support building a security barrier along the border with Mexico?

Yes  No  Undecided

### Which of the following statements best represents your opinion of the current balance between efforts to fight the War on Terrorism and the protection of your civil liberties?

- We need to give law enforcement and the intelligence community more tools to protect us.
- Some new laws used to fight terrorism have taken away civil liberties from Americans, and not improved security.
- We have about the right balance between the two.
- Other (fill in blank) \_\_\_\_\_

### The following are a list of common proposals to address energy issues. Please mark all of the items you think are good ideas:

- Drilling for oil in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- Providing tax credits and other incentives to consumers who try alternative energy sources.
- Increasing government spending on research and development of alternative fuels.
- Requiring automobile manufacturers to have higher standards for fuel efficiency.
- Other (fill in blank) \_\_\_\_\_

### Would you be interested in receiving e-mail updates on current issues in Congress?

Yes  No

email: \_\_\_\_\_