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**February 29, 2012**

Dear San Franciscan,

It has been a distinct privilege to represent you and the people of San Francisco in Congress for the past 25 years.

As you may be aware, my office provides assistance if you are experiencing difficulty with a federal agency, need help with the federal grants process, or are interested in touring D.C. landmarks. This e-newsletter includes tax tips and information about the many services my office can provide to you. For additional information, you may also [visit my website](#) or call my district office at (415) 556-4862.



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I look forward to continuing our work together to reignite the American Dream for our nation and San Franciscans by rebuilding the pillars of American entrepreneurship that have made our economy strong and the 8th district a vibrant community.

Please feel free to [forward this information to your family and friends](#). To learn more about my work in Washington and San Francisco to serve our country and our city, please [sign up to receive my electronic updates](#).

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

### Tax Tips for 2012

As the tax deadline of April 17th looms on the horizon, my office would like to pass along a few online tax resources that may help you with your filing process. The [IRS website](#) has a host of online tools to help you submit your tax information, track your refund, and more.

Keep in mind the following things for this 2012 tax season:

- [Updated Tax Tips](#). Each year, the IRS distributes an updated list of tax tips for filers. The list can be found on the [Tax Tips 2012 page](#) on the IRS website.
- [Cut Down on the Paperwork](#). If you make less than \$57,000 gross income, you may use [Freefile](#), an IRS tool that allows you to file your tax forms online without the hassle of mailing.

- **Track Your Refund.** [Where's My Refund?](#) is an online tool that allows taxpayers to track their refunds. To receive your refund faster through setting up direct deposit, click [here](#).
- **Tax Credits for Small Businesses.** In response to the recession, the Democratic-led Congress implemented new tax credits to spur economic growth and recovery. The Small Business Jobs Act and the Affordable Care Act created additional tax credits for small businesses. Click [here](#) to see if your small business qualifies for any of the tax cut provisions under the Small Business Jobs Act. Click [here](#) to see if you qualify for tax credits under the Affordable Care Act.
- **Tax Credits for Students.** Parents and students may qualify for the [American Opportunity Credit](#) that may be claimed for the first four years of college expenses. Taxpayers are eligible for full credit if they are individuals earning less than \$80,000 a year, or a couple earning \$160,000 or less. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Assistance with Federal Agencies**

If you are experiencing issues with a federal government agency that is not primarily related to legislation, my office may be able to help. Examples include problems with Social Security, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Medicare, Veterans Affairs or difficulties with immigration and visa applications.

In most cases, federal agencies will be able to directly answer your questions. However, if you have already contacted an agency and are experiencing unusual delays or unsatisfactory service, I would be pleased to aid you in resolving your issue. For more information, please visit my [website](#). If you would like to make an appointment with a caseworker, please contact my district office at (415) 556-4862.

### **U.S. Capitol & White House Tours**

My office is able to coordinate tours of federal agencies and D.C. landmarks. To submit a tour request, please visit my [website](#).

### **Flag Requests**

You may order a flag to be flown over the Capitol [here](#). Flags may be flown for a particular person, event or organization, and may be flown on a specific date. A certificate of recognition is included with each flag.

### **Federal Grants**

There are many organizations that are eligible to apply for government grants. Typically, most grantee organizations fall into the following categories: Non-Profit, For-Profit, Public Housing, Local Government and Educational organizations. To learn more about grants opportunities and various grant seeker panels and workshops in San Francisco, please sign up for my [Grants Newsletter](#). More information about grants can be found at [Grants.gov](#).

### **Youth Opportunities**

My office provides internships for college students in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. An internship with my office presents a variety of opportunities to participate in the daily operations of a Congressional office. If you would like more information, please visit my [website](#).

### **You're Invited!**

In the upcoming months, my office will be hosting several "Congress on Your Corner" events in San Francisco. My staff will be available to offer assistance in resolving issues with federal agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service, and problems securing Social Security, Medicare or other federal benefits. To receive my electronic updates and information on other upcoming events, please [sign up here](#).

**Thursday, March 22nd, 2012**

10:00am to 2:00pm  
Jewish Community Center of San Francisco (JCCSF)  
3200 California Street  
[Map It!](#)

**Wednesday, May 9th, 2012**

5:30pm to 8:30pm  
SFPL Excelsior Branch  
4400 Mission Street (at Cotter)  
[Map It!](#)

**Thursday, April 19th, 2012**

4:00pm to 7:00pm  
Stong Room of the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)  
Main Branch  
100 Larkin Street  
[Map It!](#)

**Thursday, May 17th, 2012**

4:00pm to 7:00pm  
Stong Room of the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL)  
Main Branch  
100 Larkin Street  
[Map It!](#)

**Wednesday, June 13th, 2012**

4:00pm to 6:30pm  
SFPL Visitacion Valley Branch  
201 Leland Avenue (at Rutland)  
[Map It!](#)



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