



Update

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Dear San Franciscan,

Over the last six months, the Congress has worked to pass historic health care legislation, hold Wall Street accountable, assist small businesses, make college more affordable and create good-paying jobs.

I am proud that we passed a law earlier this year ensuring quality, affordable health care for Californians and people throughout the nation, putting families and small-business owners in control of their health care, lowering costs for the middle class, holding insurance companies accountable, strengthening Medicare, lowering prescription drug costs and allowing young people to stay on their parents' health plan through their 26th birthday. This law will create up to 4 million jobs, and reduce the deficit by the largest amount in almost two decades.

This landmark legislation also represents the single largest investment in aid to help students pay for college in history. By originating all new federal loans through the Direct Loan program operated by the Department of Education, this legislation will save taxpayers \$61 billion over 10 years. This bill also invests in the Pell Grant program and simplifies the federal financial aid form to make it easier to apply to college.

There is much more work ahead of us. We are fighting in this Congress for a New Direction, one that puts Main Street before Wall Street – which is why we passed the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

Policies enacted by a Congressional majority earlier this decade led to increased reliance on oil. Now we face the consequences of the tragic oil spill in the Gulf. We are working in the Congress to hold BP accountable and to come to the aid of the people in the Gulf. This disaster has made it even more urgent to pass comprehensive energy reform legislation to prevent another disaster and to protect our planet for future generations.

We will not rest in our continuing efforts to strengthen our economy, protect our environment and create good jobs. As always, I look forward to hearing from you on these and other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Nancy Pelosi



CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI JOINS CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND PRESIDENT MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, MOTHERS AND CHILDREN TO DISCUSS HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM.

REFORMING HEALTH INSURANCE

ON March 21, the House of Representatives completed what Senator Kennedy called “the great unfinished business of our society” in passing health insurance reform

legislation that ensures every American has access to quality, affordable health care as a right and not a privilege.

Reform makes health insurance affordable for middle-class families and small businesses. By holding insurance companies accountable, we will keep premiums down and prevent denials of care and coverage, including for pre-existing conditions. Those who already have health insurance will no longer be subjected to the insurance industry’s worst practices, including extreme premium increases or having their health care coverage taken away when they get sick – just when they need it most.

No longer will soaring costs and skyrocketing premiums stand in the way of Americans’ creative and entrepreneurial spirit.



IMMEDIATE BENEFITS:

- \$250 rebate to Medicare beneficiaries who hit the Medicare prescription drug “donut hole” in 2010
- No lifetime limits on coverage
- No denial of coverage for children with pre-existing conditions

WHAT HEALTH REFORM MEANS FOR YOU:

- **Seniors:** Closes the Medicare Part D “donut hole,” while extending the life of Medicare by 12 years.
- **Young Americans:** Immediately allows young people to stay on their parents’ health plan through their 26th birthday.
- **Small Business:** \$40 billion in tax credits to help small businesses offer employee health insurance coverage.
- **Women:** Being a woman will no longer be a pre-existing condition, as it will be illegal to charge women more than men for the same coverage.

CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI JOINS WITH DOCTORS AT SAN FRANCISCO SENIOR CENTER TO DISCUSS HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM.

To find out more about how reform works for you, you can visit my website [HTTP://HOUSE.GOV/PELOSI](http://house.gov/pelosi)

To ask a question about health insurance reform, you can visit [HTTP://WWW.HEALTHCARE.GOV](http://www.healthcare.gov)

CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI JOINS USPS SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT MANAGER ROSEMARIE FERNANDEZ AND CATHERINE LEE, WIFE OF THE FIRST CHINESE AMERICAN POSTMASTER, LIM POON LEE, TO UNVEIL THE NEW LIM P. LEE POST OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

LIM P. LEE POST OFFICE ACT

In March, I attended the dedication of the new “Lim P. Lee Post Office” – named for the first Chinese-American Postmaster – at 867 Stockton Street in San Francisco’s Chinatown. A remarkable public servant, Postmaster Lee transformed the face of San Francisco’s postal service by hiring more women, minorities and disabled postal employees. I was proud to introduce the bill honoring Lim P. Lee’s life and achievements by dedicating this post office in his name.

REBUILDING OUR ECONOMY

the 111th Congress has taken bold action to protect America’s middle-class families during a time of economic challenge. Until all Americans are back to work, more must and will be done.

CREATING GOOD-PAYING JOBS

The House passed the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act, which will create jobs by:

- Restoring credit to small businesses
- Extending tax incentives for research and development and clean energy production
- Rebuilding American infrastructure
- Expanding summer jobs for young people
- Providing tax relief for middle-class families

It will also extend unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE RECOVERY ACT

Before Congress enacted the Recovery Act, Americans lost 779,000 jobs in one month alone. A year later, job losses have turned into job gains. According to the President’s Council of Economic Advisors, we have saved or created as many as 3.6 million jobs. We have given 95% of working Americans a tax cut, and begun to rebuild America’s infrastructure.



CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI MEETS POLICE CHIEF GEORGE GASCÓN AND RECRUIT OFFICER BERNADETTE PEREIRA, HIRED WITH RECOVERY ACT FUNDS.

HOLDING WALL STREET ACCOUNTABLE

For years, opponents of regulatory reform left Wall Street and the big banks to gamble with our money, compromising our future, our savings and the American Dream. Congress enacted and the President signed the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which will:

- End “too big to fail”
- Stop taxpayer bailouts
- Protect the American people with a Consumer Protection Agency



CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI MEETS WITH PARTICIPANTS IN JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE RECOVERY ACT AT JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES IN SAN FRANCISCO.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Do you have a problem with a federal agency or obtaining your federal benefits?

As your Representative in Congress, it is my privilege to provide you with a variety of services, such as assistance with the following federal agencies and benefits:

- Social Security, SSI & Medicare
- Internal Revenue Service
- Public Housing
- Student Loans
- Veterans’ Benefits
- Federal Employees
- Military Personnel
- Postal Service
- Immigration, Citizenship, Visa & Passport Services
- Federal Prisons

For more information, or to make an appointment with a caseworker, please call (415) 556-4862 or fill out the contact form on my website at <http://www.house.gov/pelosi/contact/contact.html>.



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CONGRESSWOMAN PELOSI JOINS ERNEST HOPKINS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION, JEANNE WHITE-GINDER, MOTHER OF AIDS ACTIVIST RYAN WHITE, AND CONGRESSIONAL COLLEAGUES AT THE WHITE HOUSE AS PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNS THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS TREATMENT EXTENSION ACT.

ADVOCACY FOR EQUAL RIGHTS

I was proud to join Stuart Milk earlier this year to commemorate the first annual Harvey Milk Day in California. San Francisco is blessed with a large and vibrant LGBT community and a strong history of advocacy for equal rights for all. Since my first day in Congress, ending discrimination against gays and lesbians has been a top priority. I will continue to fight for the passage of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

We have made great strides toward achieving equal rights for every American: working to end discrimination in the military through the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” providing vital health resources by increasing funds to the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Act, including restoring \$5 million in cuts for San Francisco, and protecting against violence by passing the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

I will continue to fight against discrimination and for policies that reflect the ideals of fairness, equality and justice, so that our laws reflect the diverse society in which we live.