

Lipinski Opposes Trade Deals that Will Cost American Jobs, Demands Action Against China's Currency Manipulation

As part of his commitment to standing up for American workers and manufacturers, Congressman Lipinski recently voted against job-killing free trade agreements with South Korea and Colombia. The deals, which were

first negotiated and agreed to by President Bush, were sent to Congress by President Obama in October. On the House floor, the Congressman made the following statement: "Expanding a NAFTA-style trade agenda that has already helped destroy 5 million manufacturing jobs when 25 million Americans are unemployed or underemployed is absurd. Time and again, we've seen supporters of these kinds of agreements assure us that they'll lead to jobs, only to watch as more American factories shut down and reopen overseas. Manufacturers in my district know this, workers in my district know this, only Congress and the President seem blind to it." The Congressman is also pushing House Republican leaders to permit a vote on legislation allowing tariffs against currency manipulators such as China, which illegally acts to keep its currency undervalued so that American-made goods are more expensive in China and Chinese goods are cheaper here.



In Garfield Ridge, Rep. Lipinski discusses his belief that America must stand up to China and restore fair trade for American workers.

Lipinski Urges Passage of Long-Term Transportation Bill to Put Americans to Work Building Critical Road and Transit Projects

Congress usually passes a major bill to invest in America's roads, bridges, railroads, and mass transit every four to six years. In October 2007, Congressman Lipinski brought the Highway & Transit Subcommittee to Chicago for the first congressional hearing in preparation for passage of a new bill. Yet four years later, and with the last bill having expired in September 2009, Congress has failed to act. Instead it has passed a series of short-term extensions of the expired legislation, making it difficult or impossible to undertake major transportation infrastructure projects. Throughout this period, the Congressman has urged his colleagues to support a fully paid-for transportation bill that will quickly put hundreds of thousands of people to work building congestion-reducing, safety-enhancing projects that boost long-term economic growth and American competitiveness. This would not be a short-term stimulus, but an overdue bill that allows for long-term planning. The failure to pass bipartisan, job-creating

transportation legislation at a time of high unemployment is one example of the gridlock and partisanship in Washington that the American people are sick and tired of.



At a bipartisan news conference in Chicago, Rep. Lipinski calls for investing in transportation to promote job growth.



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Rep. Lipinski to Hold Town Hall Meeting Nov. 19



Rep. Lipinski addresses constituents at a recent Town Hall.

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Rep. Lipinski talks to constituents at a recent Third District event.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, November 19, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Brother Rice High School
10001 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60655

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Dear Neighbor,

Americans need action that promotes job creation in the short term while restoring our nation's long-term economic strength and fiscal solvency. Instead, Washington is delivering bickering and gridlock. The only exception lately was when a majority in Congress joined with the President to pass job-killing, NAFTA-style trade agreements. It is no wonder public approval of Congress is at an all-time low.

But while others waste time and fail to deliver for the middle class, I am working to get things done. This newsletter contains some badly needed good news about some of my recent triumphs on your behalf.

Last month, I forced the Defense Department to follow "Buy American" laws and rightfully award a job-boosting contract to a local manufacturer instead of a Korean company. Having worked to secure federal funding for the Englewood Flyover, I helped break ground recently on this project, which will create 1,500 jobs according to the Federal Railroad Administration, reduce Metra and freight-shipping delays, and boost long-term economic growth.

Third District residents deserve a representative who works hard and does his part to move the country forward – just as they do. That is why I am standing up for the middle class, actively promoting job growth, and helping to make life better for my constituents.

It is my privilege to serve you. To share your concerns, please come to my Town Hall Meeting on November 19 at Brother Rice High School in Chicago. For more details, see the back page or visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Dan
Dan Lipinski

Lipinski Helps Local Manufacturer Win Defense Jobs Initially Given to Korean Firm



In October, Congressman Lipinski scored a victory in the fight against the offshoring of American jobs when he helped Hoist Liftruck of Bedford Park secure a Defense Department contract that was slated to be sent to South Korea in violation of the Buy American Act. Not only is the contract supporting 40 jobs at Hoist and helping the company to add workers at a time when jobs are desperately needed, it is also supporting jobs at companies that are part of Hoist's Midwest supply chain. Congressman Lipinski (pictured making the announcement at Hoist) is a longtime supporter of "Buy American" laws that require the federal government to purchase American goods and has introduced the Buy American Improvement Act, H.R. 2722, to close loopholes in the law that result in taxpayer money going to overseas workers.

Administration Ends New Health Care Law Program, Echoing Lipinski's Charge that Provision Was Fiscally Unsound

The admission by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius that a new program created under last year's health care law is fiscally unsustainable and cannot be made to work confirms what Congressman Lipinski said about the program and the health care law from the very beginning. In October, Secretary Sebelius halted implementation of the CLASS Act, a well-intentioned but ill-conceived program of long-term care insurance that experts agreed would eventually add tens of billions of dollars to the deficit with each passing decade. Under the law, the program was required to be self-sustaining. Even before he voted against the health care law, Congressman Lipinski (pictured discussing his work with a constituent) repeatedly stated that the CLASS Act was a fiscal disaster waiting to happen. He also took action in March to save taxpayers from having to bail out the program by helping to introduce the bipartisan Fiscal



Responsibility and Retirement Security Act, H.R. 1173, to end the CLASS Act.

Lipinski Votes for Bipartisan Compromise to Reduce the Deficit

In August, Congressman Lipinski voted for the compromise agreement to cut the deficit and avoid a government default that would have damaged the fragile economy and hampered job creation. The final bill provides for a minimum of \$2.1 trillion in deficit reduction and will force Congress to vote on an amendment to the Constitution requiring a balanced budget (Congressman Lipinski is cosponsoring two versions of a balanced budget amendment). Like many Americans, the Congressman was deeply frustrated by the posturing that occurred in Washington and that repeatedly derailed negotiations until the last minute. If not for the continuing efforts to score political points, Congress could have reached an agreement sooner and focused on jobs rather than the debt ceiling. Going forward, the Congressman will continue to support responsible deficit reduction while preserving critical investments for the middle class, seniors, and veterans.



At his most recent Town Hall Meeting, Rep. Lipinski spoke with constituents about his efforts to ensure future generations are not saddled with excessive government debt.

Lipinski Works to Strengthen America's Economic Growth Through His Jobs Plan

In June, Congressman Lipinski released a five-point Jobs Plan to put people back to work by strengthening manufacturing, modernizing our infrastructure, improving education and workforce training, leveling the international playing field, and investing in innovation. One of the critical elements of the plan is his National Manufacturing Strategy Act, H.R. 1366, which will revitalize manufacturing by requiring the government to work with the private sector to develop specific goals and policies for promoting American manufacturing success and producing jobs. Last year, the bill passed with overwhelming bipartisan support in the House of Representatives. This year, the bill continues to attract bipartisan backing, and the Congressman has been reaching across the aisle to see that it again receives a vote in the House and to build support in the Senate.

Lipinski Hosts Job Fair to Help Get Third District Residents Back to Work

Helping Americans get back to work is Congressman Lipinski's top priority. As part of his efforts, he recently hosted a Job Fair in Bridgeview that gave hundreds of job seekers a chance to meet with three dozen local employers that are currently hiring. While working in Washington to promote policies that encourage job growth nationally, the Congressman has continued to promote employment and job creation locally, including connecting those in search of work with businesses that are hiring despite the tough economic times.



Rep. Lipinski speaks with Third District seniors at Saint Xavier University about his efforts to strengthen Social Security.

Seniors to Receive 3.6% Social Security Cost-of-Living Increase Next Year

After two years without an increase in their Social Security benefits despite surging costs for food, gasoline, and health care, seniors will receive a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment in 2012. This is good news, but the fact remains that the "urban wage earners" index used to measure inflation and calculate benefits is flawed. Congressman Lipinski has helped to introduce a bill to require the federal government to create a new measure of cost increases specifically faced by seniors. Washington needs to understand the reality that seniors face at the gas pump, the grocery store, and when they sit down to pay their taxes and medical bills.



Rep. Lipinski greets a local resident at his October Job Fair in Bridgeview.

Lipinski Helps Break Ground on Major Rail Project to Create Jobs, Ease Metra Delays, and Boost Local Economy

Last month, Congressman Lipinski helped break ground on the long-awaited Englewood Flyover, which will create nearly 1,500 jobs, reduce Metra delays for Third District riders, and boost long-term economic growth as part of the CREATE rail modernization program. The Congressman helped obtain \$133 million in federal funding for the flyover, which is a bridge to carry Metra's Rock Island line over the Norfolk Southern/Amtrak tracks in Chicago. Currently, approximately 140 Metra, Amtrak, and freight trains clog the intersection daily, producing long delays. In addition to immediately reducing delays for Rock Island riders, the flyover is the critical first step toward eliminating delays on Metra's Southwest Service. In total, 40,000 people ride these Metra lines each weekday, keeping traffic off local streets and highways. As part of CREATE, the flyover will also

boost long-term job creation by helping to untangle Chicago's aging freight rail system and ensure north-eastern Illinois remains America's transportation hub.



Rep. Lipinski speaks with the media about the importance of the Englewood Flyover for job creation.

Lipinski Leads Successful Effort to Preserve Service on Metra's Southwest Service Line



Representative Lipinski announces the start of weekend service on Metra's Southwest line in 2009. He recently succeeded in preventing the elimination of weekend trains.

In September, Congressman Lipinski was able to defeat a proposal to end weekend service and reduce weekday service on the Southwest Service line. Having been instrumental in establishing weekend service on the line in 2009, the Congressman led 21 suburban mayors and Chicago aldermen in sending a letter to Metra's Board of Directors opposing a proposal that would have eliminated all six weekend trains and reduced weekday service, even as eight other Metra lines faced no cuts. While disenfranchising Third District Metra riders and increasing traffic on our already crowded roads, the Southwest Service cuts would have saved less than one-tenth of one percent of Metra's operating budget. At the time of this writing, Metra's Board has not yet voted on proposed fare increases. Congressman Lipinski continues to urge Metra to examine all avenues for reducing its budget deficit while preserving service and avoiding steep fare increases that cost commuters money at a time when many families are struggling to make ends meet.