



Congressman Gene Green Reports

Dear Friend,

Our newsletter highlights recent changes in federal legislation and provides information on helpful resources and upcoming events.

The current Congress has passed little bipartisan legislation; two legislative bills that did pass are a new pipeline safety law and Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Reform. Both of these bills were considered by the House Energy and Commerce Committee on which I serve. Still, our nation has many economic and budget problems that Congress should address. The budget deficit is too high and so is unemployment.

We held many district events in the last few months like our Job Fair in Jacinto City, a Veterans Town Hall, and our Annual Citizenship Day to name a few. In the coming months, we will be hosting events for every age group and I hope you can join us. We will have a series of Town Hall Meetings, our 17th Annual Immunization Day, our Northside/Aldine Job Fair, and a Paying for College Workshop. More information on these events can be found inside. Also included is a voter registration form for your family's use.

I come home every weekend from Washington to work in our district so please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts and concerns. We have two district offices in Houston to serve you and you can always send me a message through our website.

It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Gene Green
Member of Congress



Congressman Green and community volunteers at his 10th Annual North Channel Area Clean-up on April 28. Congressman Green also spoke about legislative issues concerning the environment.

Affordable Care Act Update

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Affordable Care Act, or health reform law, was constitutional. The U.S. constitution gives the U.S. Supreme Court the job of deciding what is and what isn't constitutional.

Now, just like Social Security and Medicare, the Affordable Care Act is the law of our great nation. I was proud to serve on the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health, which actually drafted the bill. I read it many times and made a lot of amendments so I'm especially proud of this historic decision.

The Affordable Care Act has already benefited millions of Americans since it became law in 2010, and will continue to help those who are in greatest need: children, young adults, people with pre-existing conditions and our seniors.

In our own Congressional District, it's especially important because we have the highest rates of uninsured individuals in the country. As of March 2012, the 29th District has experienced major benefits from the Affordable Care Act :

- 9,000 young adults have health insurance due to the provision allowing dependents up to age 26 to stay on their family's insurance plan
- 3,400 seniors in the district received prescription drug discounts worth \$1.8 million

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Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

Monday, August 6
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

In partnership with the Eastwood Civic Association
4501 Leeland Street
Houston, TX 77023

**** Senior Issues Forum ****
Thursday, August 9
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Northeast Community Center - James Driver Park
10918 1/2 Bentley Street
Houston, TX 77093

Tuesday, August 7
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

In partnership with the Park Place Civic Club
8200 Park Place Blvd
Houston, TX 77017

Thursday, August 9
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

High Meadows Library
4500 Aldine Mail Rd.
Houston, TX 77039

Wednesday, August 8
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Jacinto City Town Center
1025 Oates Rd
Houston, TX 77029

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- 17,000 children and 600,000 adults have health insurance that covers preventive services without paying any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles
- 40,000 seniors received Medicare preventive services without paying any co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles
- 490 small businesses in the district have received tax credits to help maintain or expand health care coverage for their employees

In Texas, 7,536,000 residents, including 2,094,00 children, no longer have had to worry about lifetime dollar limits on health benefits while they fight cancer and other chronic diseases. Among other benefits, the Affordable Care Act also granted Texas \$3.8 million in funding for expanding school-based health centers.

The U.S. Supreme Court and Congress have made a huge leap toward improving the lives of millions of Americans through access to affordable and quality health care, and bans unjustifiable premium hikes or coverage denial for the people who need it most. It's our duty as Americans and legislators to work together to make sure that no American has to forgo or be denied life-saving health care in the greatest and most prosperous nation in the world.

(Data gathered from the U.S. Census, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, IRS; Department of Health and Human Services; and Kaiser Family Foundation's Employer Health Benefits Survey)

GAIN Act Passed by House of Representatives

On May 30, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly supported the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act. Included in this bill was the Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now (GAIN) Act, a bipartisan bill introduced by myself and Congressman Phil Gingrey (R-GA), and supported by several other Members from both sides of the aisle.

The GAIN Act is a critical step toward addressing potential public health crises caused by drug resistant bacterial infections. The bill gives the FDA the tools necessary to incentivize the development of next generation antibiotics that will keep us safe and healthy in the event of a "superbug."

The incentives in the bill are critical to getting drugs to market that treat serious and life threatening infections that are currently unavailable. There are already instances of death and serious complications in our country due to drug-resistant pathogens. We cannot allow ourselves to go back to the way things were before penicillin, when scraped knees and minor injuries were life threatening and difficult to treat. Without our bill, the drug companies will simply not develop these drugs and we will continue to be exposed to the risk of a large scale public health crisis, which experts believe is likely within the next ten years.

The GAIN Act provisions of the FDA Reform bill represent a careful bipartisan balance that appropriately protects patient safety and responsibly offers incentives to innovative drug companies seeking cures to the world's most deadly bacterial pathogens like drug-resistant tuberculosis, MRSA, and others that we are currently not equipped to treat.

JOBS

Energy Success

I support the Make It In America plan and American natural gas because of the vital role they both play in our economy. The Make It In America plan aims to strengthen the economy and boost the middle class through continuing to grow our manufacturing sector and keeping those jobs in the United States.

Make It In America focuses on competition, investing in infrastructure, clean energy jobs, increased education, smart tax policy, and smart regulations. Natural gas has led to a renaissance in our chemical manufacturing sector.

Seven years ago, our chemical manufacturers were forced to move their plants overseas because the price of natural gas was so high. Thanks to the recent discoveries and development of domestic shale gas, we now have the cheapest natural gas in the world and these companies are coming back home.

Plants across the 29th District are announcing expansions. We should continue these critical investments and support Make It In America and American natural gas.

Northside/Aldine Job Fair

Monday, September 10
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

M.O. Campbell Center
1865 Aldine Bender Road
Houston, TX 77032

Job creation and getting Americans back to work is an immediate priority. Rep. Green invites you to attend the second job fair this year to hear more about these issues and meet with representatives from dozens of local businesses that are looking to currently hire. For more information, please contact our office at 281-999-5879. Don't forget to bring copies of your resume.

Congressman Green speaks at a press conference in Houston announcing the U.S. Department of Transportation's award of \$15 million to the City of Houston to expand and connect existing hike and bike trails and build other transit projects that will help pedestrians and bicyclists stay safe. The projects will also create construction jobs.



REGISTER TO VOTE

Exercise your right to vote on November 6.

If you are not already registered to vote, the form included here can be mailed to the Harris County Registrar. The last day to register to vote for the general election is October 9, 2012.

Before you register, verify your eligibility to vote. You must be a resident of Harris County, be a U.S. Citizen, be at least 18, and not be convicted of a felony or have satisfied the court's requirements after a felony.

If you need to update your existing registration, you can contact the Harris County Voter Registration Department at 713-368-8683.

Vote by Mail

To be eligible to vote by mail, you must satisfy one of the following requirements: be 65 or older, have a disability, be confined in jail, or expect to be absent from the county on Election Day. Requests to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by the Harris County Clerk's office before October 30, 2012.

Vote in Person

Early voting can help you avoid lines at the polls on Election Day. Early voting will be held from October 22 through November 2.

Poll locations may be different than previous times because of new boundaries created by redistricting. To find your voting location, the Harris County Election Information Line can be reached at 713-755-6965 or www.harrisvotes.org

Texas Voter Registration Application		For Official Use Only	
<small>Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State</small>		<small>VR17.09E.13</small>	
<small>Please complete sections by printing LEGIBLY. If you have any questions about how to fill out this application, please call your local voter registrar or the Secretary of State's Office toll free at 1-800-252-VOTE(8683). TDD 1-800-735-2989, www.sos.state.tx.us.</small>			
1 These Questions Must Be Completed Before Proceeding			
Check one			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address, Name, or Other Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for a Replacement Card	
Are you a United States Citizen?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you checked 'No' in response to either of the above, do not complete this form.			
Are you interested in serving as an election worker?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2 Last Name (Include Suffix if any (Jr, Sr, III))	First Name	Middle Name (if any)	Former Name (if any)
3 Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number. If none, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box, Rural Rt. or Business Address)		City	TEXAS Zip Code
4 Mailing Address: Street Address and Apartment Number. (If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address.)		City	State Zip Code
5 Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)	6 Gender (Optional)	7 Telephone Number (Optional) Include Area Code	
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8 Texas Driver's License No. or Texas Personal I.D. No. (Issued by the Department of Public Safety)		If no Texas Driver's License or Personal Identification, give last 4 digits of your Social Security Number	
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<input type="checkbox"/> I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Personal Identification Number or Social Security Number.			
9 I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. Conviction of this crime may result in imprisonment up to 180 days, a fine up to \$2,000, or both. Please read all <u>three</u> statements to affirm before signing.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am a resident of this county and a U.S. citizen; I have not been finally convicted of a felony, or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned; and I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. 			
X _____		Date ____/____/____	
<small>Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date.</small>			

STUDENTS & PARENTS



Congressman Green stands with the winner of the 29th District Congressional Art Competition, Cristian Cardenas, a junior at Rayburn High School in Pasadena ISD. The artwork will be displayed in the House for one year along with the other winners nationwide.

Paying for College Workshop & Academy Day

Monday, September 17

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

C.E. King High School
8540 C.E. King Parkway
Houston, TX 77044

Congressman Green invites students and parents to a free financial aid seminar on paying for college. Learn about the financial aid process and finding scholarships in a presentation by Sallie Mae. Representatives from local colleges as well as military academies will be present to give information and answer questions.

17th Annual Immunization Day

Saturday, August 11

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Starting off the new school year, Congressman Green will discuss legislative health initiatives and free immunizations will be provided to school-age children at the following locations:

Roosevelt Elementary
(HISD)
6700 Fulton
Houston, TX 77022

North Shore Ninth Grade Campus
(Galena Park ISD)
13501 Holly Park Drive
Houston, TX 77015

Johnson Elementary
(Aldine ISD)
5801 Hamill Road
Houston, TX 77039

SENIORS

Senior Issues Forum

Thursday, August 9
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Northeast Community Center
James Driver Park
10918 1/2 Bentley Street
Houston, TX 77093

Join Rep. Green for a discussion on legislative issues affecting seniors. In addition, agency representatives from the Social Security Administration, Houston/Harris County Area Agency on Aging, and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services will share important information and be available to answer questions about health care, referral services, and programs for seniors.

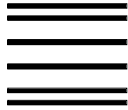
Social Security Statements Now Online

As part of the federal government's efforts to cut down on spending, the annual statements that you used to receive by mail are now available online.

Your online statement provides: Estimates of the retirement and disability benefits you may receive; Estimates of benefits your family may get when you receive Social Security or pass away; a list of your lifetime earnings according to Social Security's records; The estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid; Information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare; Things to consider for those age 55 and older who are thinking of retiring; General information about Social Security for everyone; The opportunity to apply online for retirement and disability benefits; and a printable version of your Social Security Statement.

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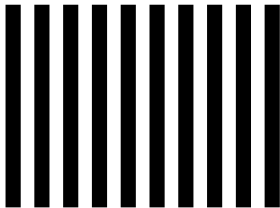
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Rep. Green speaks with constituents about federal legislation and initiatives in Congress at a Town Hall Meeting in the 29th District.

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