



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Representing the Third District ★ ★ ★

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Dear Neighbor,

After much study and deliberation, and after listening closely to my constituents, I voted against the Senate health care bill. Undoubtedly, we need to make health care more affordable and accessible. But while there were some good aspects to the bill, it does little to lower costs, makes significant cuts to Medicare, changes the status quo by providing federal funding for abortion, rewards special interests with backroom deals, and is fiscally unsustainable. Very significant changes will have to be made to this new law and I will keep fighting for these changes.

Today, with millions of Americans still unemployed, my focus continues to be on creating jobs and improving the quality of life in the Third District. In recent months, I have brought home much-needed funding that will create thousands of local jobs, authored legislation that will help America produce jobs, and improved our communities with better transportation and less noise from train horns.

This remains a period of extraordinary difficulty for many Third District residents, but I will never stop fighting for my constituents and against misguided Washington policies. Our government must serve well-deserving, hard-working Americans.

To share your concerns, or for help with Medicare, Social Security, Veterans' Benefits, or other programs, please come to my Town Hall Meeting on May 1 (see reverse for details). Seniors can receive help with federal programs and other issues at my Senior Fair on May 3 (see reverse for details). If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan".

Dan Lipinski

Lipinski's "Buy American" Bill Earns Wide Support

Congressman Lipinski recently introduced the Buy American Improvement Act, H.R. 4351. This bill would eliminate loopholes in existing Buy American laws and ensure that taxpayer money is used to purchase American-made products and support American jobs whenever possible. For American taxpayer dollars to wind up in the pockets of workers in China and other foreign countries during the worst economy in generations is wrong. In the



Rep. Lipinski discusses the need for better Buy American laws with Zach Mottl and Dan Mottl of family-owned Atlas Tool & Die Works in Lyons.

House of Representatives, the bill has been endorsed by the 30-member Populist Caucus, which focuses on helping the middle class. This bill also has been introduced in the Senate by Russ Feingold of Wisconsin.

Lipinski Votes 'No' on Health Care Bill

Congressman Lipinski's decision to vote against the Senate health care bill was the result of months of careful study and analysis, and of listening closely to his constituents.

While the Senate bill makes some improvements to our health care system, Congressman Lipinski believed it was too deeply flawed to earn his support. The bill does not do enough to lower the skyrocketing cost of health care, cuts hundreds of billions of dollars from Medicare, is fiscally unsustainable, breaks with the status quo by providing federal funding for abortion, and rewards drug companies and other special interests.

There is no doubt reform is needed to lower soaring health care costs and make insurance coverage more affordable and accessible. That is why Congressman Lipinski has always worked to improve America's health care system. Last November, after helping to make numerous improvements to the House bill, he voted



Rep. Lipinski explains his commitment to strengthening Medicare and preserving seniors' access to top-quality care with a senior in Chicago Ridge.

to move the measure forward, believing that it was possible to fix the bill's flaws before a final vote. But he made his position very clear, stating: "If this bill does not improve when it comes back from the Senate, I will vote against it." Unfortunately, the final bill was worse than the House legislation.

The Senate bill does little to rein in skyrocketing health care costs, which have nearly doubled in the last 10 years. The Congressional Budget Office says the bill will do little or nothing to slow escalating premium costs for the significant majority



Rep. Lipinski talks about the health care bill with constituents in Chicago.

of Americans whose insurance coverage is through large employers. In addition, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the bill's drastic cuts to Medicare could reduce seniors' access to doctors and other providers.

While the bill purports to be fully funded, a closer look shows that it achieves this appearance by dubious means, such as diverting revenues from Social Security and other programs that should be self-sustaining.

Finally, of great concern to Congressman Lipinski and many Third District residents, the bill changes longstanding policy and provides federal funding for abortion. Efforts to address this issue through an Executive Order were insufficient, as the order only addresses a portion of the abortion funding, likely would not survive a court challenge, and could be repealed at any time by the president.

While deeply disappointed that Congress did not develop a better bill, Congressman Lipinski will not stop fighting against special interests and for improvements to our health care system that benefit all of the residents of the Third District.

"Not a headline grabber and sound-bite maven, Lipinski plies his trade calmly, in a low-key manner ...[A] frugal guy who irons his own shirts and sleeps in his office when he's away from home...It might be appropriate to also add the word 'brave' for the 'guts'...to vote 'no' on the health-care bill...he has received a ton of support from his district for sticking to his guns."

—*Chicago Sun-Times*

Lipinski Wins Transportation Projects for Bridgeview, La Grange, and Bridgeport, Helping Economy and Commuters

Congressman Lipinski helped secure a \$100 million federal grant that will pay for three important local transportation projects. A \$26 million underpass will eliminate delays for motorists and freight trains on 71st Street between Harlem Avenue and Roberts Road in Bridgeview near Toyota Park. This was the only local underpass eligible for money from this grant because Bridgeview had already received \$6 million for the project, enabling it to be completed by the 2012 deadline.

“The funding was secured with the strong support of state and federal officials, particularly CREATE's chief proponent, U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski.”

—Chicago Tribune

A separate \$35 million project on the Indiana Harbor Belt Railway line will reduce the time motorists spend waiting for trains to pass in La Grange, La Grange Park, and nearby areas. The grant also includes \$380,000 to reconstruct the crumbling railroad viaduct at 29th Street and Stewart Avenue in Bridgeport.

These projects are all part of the CREATE rail modernization program. CREATE is creating jobs, shortening commutes, reducing shipping times, lowering fuel usage, enhancing safety, and helping to ensure Chicago remains the nation's transportation hub for decades to come.



Rep. Lipinski calls for additional funding for the CREATE rail modernization program at Ogilvie Station in Chicago.

Lipinski Announces Construction Project Will Create Jobs and Reduce Metra Delays for Third District Residents



Rep. Lipinski announces construction on the Englewood Flyover will begin this year as a result of \$133 million in federal funding he helped secure.

Congressman Lipinski was recently joined by a host of local and national leaders to announce that construction will begin this year on the Englewood Flyover. This \$133 million project will create an estimated 1,450 jobs, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation, and immediately eliminate delays on Metra's Rock Island line, which has stops in Beverly and Morgan Park. In addition, it is the critical first step toward sharply reducing delays on Metra's Southwest Service line. The flyover, which involves building a bridge to carry the Rock Island tracks over the Amtrak tracks at 63rd Street in Chicago, will also help make high-speed rail possible.

Lipinski “has singlehandedly brought home \$126 million for local transportation projects in his district.”

—Chicago Sun-Times

Lipinski's Resolution Honoring Catholic Schools Passes House

Congressman Lipinski's resolution honoring the contributions of Catholic schools and commemorating Catholic Schools Week passed the House of Representatives in January. A graduate of St. Symphorosa Grammar School and St. Ignatius College Prep, he has long been an advocate for Catholic schools as a supplement to strong public schools. Today, almost 2.2 million elementary

and secondary students from all walks of life and numerous faiths are enrolled in nearly 7,500 Catholic schools. In the Third District alone, there are seven Catholic high schools and approximately 50 grammar schools. The graduation rate for Catholic high school students is a remarkable 99 percent, and 97 percent go on to college or technical schools.



Rep. Lipinski presents his resolution to Catholic schools superintendent Sister Mary Paul McCaughey and St. Christina School in Mount Greenwood.

Lipinski Fights for American Manufacturers

Manufacturing is critical for national security and a pillar of our economy and the middle class, especially in the Third District. But America has lost 2.1 million manufacturing jobs since 2007, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, partly because Washington has refused to support American manufacturing. That is why it is often impossible to find products that are "Made in America." Congressman Lipinski is working to change that, and recently introduced the bipartisan National Manufacturing Strategy Act, H.R. 4692, to ensure American manufacturing can thrive in the 21st Century. He has also introduced H.R. 2936 to restore the flow of credit to manufacturers by creating a loan guarantee program without the use of additional taxpayer money. In addition, Congressman Lipinski has called on the Commerce Department to impose countervailing duties to protect American workers from unfair currency manipulation by China, which is a major cause of lost jobs in our country.

Congressional Assistance

My staff is available to assist you with:

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- Ordering a U.S. Capitol flag

Call Washington toll-free at 866-822-5701 or Chicago at 312-886-0481, or visit www.lipinski.house.gov.



Rep. Lipinski presents Oak Lawn resident Kevin Nakayama of Brother Rice High School with his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Lipinski Chastises Bailed-Out Banks for Handing Out Huge Bonuses While Millions Struggle to Find Work



Rep. Lipinski discusses his opposition to the Wall Street bailout with a constituent in Summit.

Despite near double-digit unemployment, Wall Street banks continue to dole out seven- and eight-figure bonuses to the same people who helped trigger the financial meltdown and the recession. As the only Chicago-area Democrat to have voted against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout all three times, Congressman Lipinski continues to fight to ensure that big banks repay in full the enormous debt they owe the American taxpayer. He is a cosponsor of the Wall Street Bonus Tax Act, H.R. 4426, which imposes a 50% tax on all bonus compensation over \$50,000 at bailed-out banks and uses the money to fund low-interest loans for worthy small businesses. We must make sure Wall Street bankers understand something the rest of the country knows all too well but that they seem to have forgotten: there is no such thing as a free lunch.

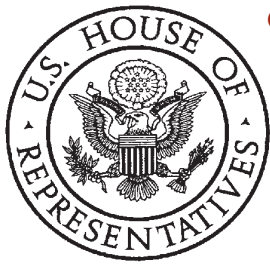
Railroad Quiet Zones Take Effect in Oak Lawn, Riverside, North Riverside, and Berwyn

Congressman Lipinski played a key role in establishing two long-awaited railroad quiet zones to stop trains from sounding their horns at all hours while preserving pedestrian and motorist safety. Quiet zones now cover the Canadian National tracks in Riverside, North Riverside, and Berwyn, as well as the Cicero Avenue and 95th Street crossings on Metra's Southwest Service line in Oak Lawn. Congressman Lipinski's work with CN, Metra, and the Federal Railroad Administration was critical to finally making these quiet zones a reality. Efforts to expand the quiet zone to additional crossings in Oak Lawn are ongoing. While trains can still sound their horns in emergencies, these quiet zones will bring much-needed peace and quiet to thousands of Third District residents.

The congressman is also working to expand service on **Metra's Heritage Corridor line**. The *SouthtownStar* recently reported that he "has begun leaning hard on Metra to get its act together on the Heritage Corridor Line—sooner rather than later," and noted that he previously worked successfully with Metra to add weekend service on the Southwest Service line.



Rep. Lipinski announces the Riverside, North Riverside, and Berwyn quiet zone with Mayor Gorman, Mayor Krochmal, Mayor Lovero and North Riverside resident George Behensky.



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Lipinski Brings Home Millions for Local Projects and Jobs

Congressman Lipinski has secured tens of millions of dollars in federal funding for local projects and organizations. Recent funding he has obtained includes:

- \$100,000 for Oak Lawn first responders
- \$150,000 for the Valentine Boys and Girls Club of Bridgeport for afterschool programs
- \$190,000 for educational programs for the Oak Lawn Children's Museum
- \$165,072 for Seguin Services in Cicero to help the disabled
- \$225,000 for an emergency generator and 9-1-1 equipment for La Grange Park
- \$750,000 for technology for St. Xavier University's new library



Mayor Mike Howley thanks Rep. Lipinski for obtaining \$125,000 for the Hickory Hills Police Department for critical 9-1-1 equipment.



Mayor Elizabeth Asperger thanks Rep. Lipinski for securing \$700,000 to renovate Stone Avenue Metra station in La Grange.

UPCOMING EVENTS Hosted by Congressman Lipinski

TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, May 1, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
H.H. Conrady Junior High School
7950 West 97th Street
Hickory Hills, Illinois 60457

Starting one hour before the meeting, staff will assist constituents with Social Security and other federal issues.

SENIOR FAIR

Monday, May 3, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Vittum Park
5010 West 50th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60638

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