



CONGRESSMAN STEVE COHEN

Creating Jobs, Fighting For You

These are tough economic times and I am working in Memphis and Washington, D.C. to help create jobs in District 9. Below are some initiatives I have undertaken to create jobs and improve the economy in Memphis, combat the foreclosure crisis and help people reduce their student loan debt.

President's American Jobs Act

I am a proud sponsor of President Obama's American Jobs Act (AJA) and regularly speak on the House floor in support of it. AJA would put more people back to work and put more money in the pockets of working Americans by helping small businesses grow, extending the payroll tax cut, investing in our infrastructure, and supporting teachers, firefighters and police officers. The plan is based on bipartisan ideas and will be paid for by closing corporate tax loopholes and asking the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share.

American Queen

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation and the Great American Steamboat Company agreed to bring the *American Queen* to Memphis, securing more than 550 new jobs according to Mayor A C Wharton. When the deal was on the brink of collapse, I worked with my former colleague Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood to obtain an extension that ensured the completion of the deal.

Workforce Development

My Jobs for Urban Sustainability in America Act would create jobs and provide training to Americans struggling to find work through public works and jobs training programs.

Eliminating Harmful Regulations

I cosponsored a bipartisan law that had wide support from business groups that eliminated a regulation that would have required businesses that purchase more than \$600 of goods or services to submit a 1099 tax form to the IRS. Ending this bureaucratic regulation will help small businesses create jobs.

Three hundred constituents attended Congressman Cohen's Annual Veterans Luncheon at The Links at Whitehaven in November to learn more about veterans legislation.



Several hundred citizens received information at Congressman Cohen's Federal Financial Aid for Education Workshop at BRIDGES in August.



Congressman Cohen spoke at a Small Business Forum he hosted at the University of Memphis in August.



Seniors received free flu shots at Congressman Cohen's Medicare Open Enrollment Fair at Whitehaven High School in October.

Equal Employment for All Act

My Equal Employment for All Act would keep employers from using credit checks as part of the hiring process unless the job involves national security, FDIC clearance or tremendous financial responsibility.

Fighting Foreclosures

It is important to help families struggling to keep their homes. My bill, the Limiting Investor and Homeowner Loss in Foreclosure Act, would clarify the authority of bankruptcy courts to operate mortgage modification programs and my bill, the Preventing Homeowners from Foreclosure Act, would create a grant program to help local communities establish foreclosure mediation programs.

Memphis Bioworks Foundation

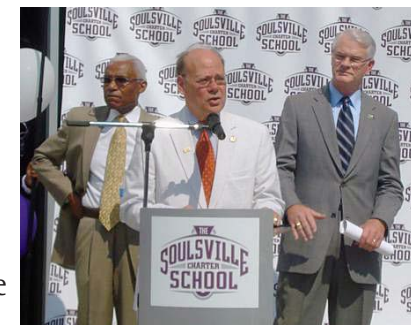
Memphis Bioworks Foundation submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor to train 400 long-term unemployed, under-employed and "discouraged" American workers for specialty occupations for which employers presently use H-1B visas to hire highly skilled foreign workers. I was pleased to write a letter of support for the proposal and, in October, it was a pleasure to announce that Memphis Bioworks received the grant in the amount of \$3,743,098.

Helping Small Businesses Create Jobs

I supported legislation that awarded \$53.3 million to two Memphis-based community banks – Magna Bank and Independent Bank – from the U.S. Dept. of the Treasury through the Small Business Lending Fund to increase their lending to small businesses to help create jobs.

Working With Mayors Wharton and Luttrell

As I continue to work closely with Mayors A C Wharton and Mark Luttrell to secure federal funding for District 9 on a wide variety of issues, we are constantly developing strategies to bring as much federal funding as possible to Memphis and Shelby County. Memphis needs to maximize its ability to attain federal funds and I will work with the Mayors to accomplish this. In the 111th Congress, Memphis received over \$700 million.



Congressman Cohen with Mayor Wharton and Mayor Luttrell at a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Soulsville Charter School.

Fresh Start

My Fresh Start Act would allow certain non-violent federal offenders who have served their sentences and are now law-abiding, productive members of society to have their convictions expunged from their records so they can have a better chance of finding work.

Memphis Aerotropolis

I authored language that was included in the House-passed FAA reauthorization that is the first federal recognition of the aerotropolis concept. Also, I reintroduced the first ever aerotropolis bill to create an opportunity for Memphis to receive millions in federal funding. These efforts will help create jobs and spur economic growth.

Reducing Student Debt

As a longtime advocate of making higher education more affordable and accessible, most notably through the establishment of the Tennessee Lottery, I joined with Senator Dick Durbin and Congressman John Conyers to introduce a bill to restore fairness in student lending by treating privately issued student loans in bankruptcy the same as other types of private debt.



Congressman Cohen met with film producer Tonya Lewis Lee – wife of film director Spike Lee – before her presentation at a Congressional Briefing on Infant Mortality that Congressman Cohen hosted on Capitol Hill.

President Visits Memphis



President Obama congratulated Booker T. Washington High School's class of 2011.

Congressman Cohen greeted President Obama at Memphis International Airport.



President Obama selected Booker T. Washington High School as the winner of the Race to the Top High School Commencement Challenge. In May, the President visited Memphis to deliver a truly inspirational commencement speech. Before the speech, the President and I met together with families affected by recent flooding. After the speech, the President and I returned to Washington on Air Force One while dining on Memphis BBQ.

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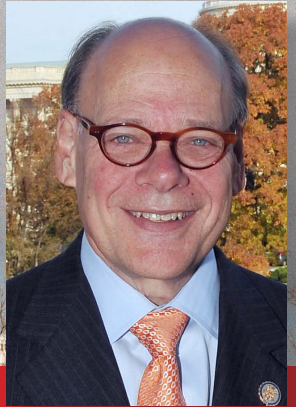
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