



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Representing the Third District



LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP | 110TH CONGRESS

Dear Neighbor,

As Americans struggle in these tough economic times, I am confident that we can find solutions to the many problems that we face. I am focused on working to spur the creation and maintenance of good jobs, make sure that affordable health care and educational opportunities are available, protect retirement security, stabilize the housing market, and provide good transportation options. As always, it will be the hard work of all Americans that will lead to a better future for our families and for the nation.

This newsletter provides you with an update on work I have been doing for you recently in Washington and at home, and provides a wrap-up on some of our accomplishments over the past two years. For additional information and updates, or to sign up to receive newsletters via e-mail, please visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

As always, if you wish to share your concerns about an issue, or if you have questions or problems in regard to Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Veterans' Benefits, LIHEAP, or other programs, please do not hesitate to contact me at any of the offices listed inside. It is an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Dan Lipinski

Top Successes in 110th Congress

New Laws Authored by Congressman Lipinski

- **The BRIGHT Energy Savings Act (H.R. 1705)** Requires the federal government to use high efficiency light bulbs that consume up to 75% less energy. This solution will significantly reduce energy consumption and could save hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars. Became law in December 2007 as part of H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.
- **The H-Prize Act (H.R. 632)** Establishes over \$50 million in cash prizes to promote and reward innovations in the use of pollution-free hydrogen to replace gasoline. Also became law in December 2007 as part of H.R. 6.
- **The "Metals Bill" (H.R. 1126)** Authorizes \$60 million to fund research that will make American steel companies and other metal manufacturers more efficient and environmentally friendly. Became law in May 2008 as part of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act (S. 2739).

Local Transportation Upgrades Delivered by Lipinski

- **Produced an agreement to bring weekend trains to Metra's SouthWest Line** for the first time ever, beginning in Spring 2009.
- **Secured federal funding for the Orange Line** to begin the process of extending service to Ford City.
- **Helped easing of rail congestion and improvement of rail safety** by creating new grant programs. This funding will help alleviate congestion on Metra's most crowded routes such as the Heritage Corridor between Chicago and Joliet. These programs were included in the Railroad Safety Improvement Act (H.R. 2095).

Enactment of Lipinski's H-Prize Act Will Promote "Green Energy" Development

Especially in these tough economic times, America must support innovative industries that will create millions of new, high-paying jobs. Next year, Rep. Lipinski will build upon successes in this Congress investing in clean domestic energy solutions that will free America from dependence on foreign energy sources and fossil fuels.

Last December, Rep. Lipinski helped enact the Energy Independence and Security Act which will help create millions of jobs here at home and free us from our dependence on foreign oil. As Vice Chairman of the Science and Technology Committee, Rep. Lipinski authored a key provision in the bill – the H-Prize Act – which will facilitate an energy revolution and produce high-paying green jobs. The H-Prize Act establishes over \$50 million in cash prizes for advances made in the use of hydrogen as a pollution-free replacement for gasoline.



Representative Lipinski examines a hydrogen car, the type of innovation that could be eligible for the H-Prize.

Lipinski's "Metals Bill" Will Spur Job Creation in Key Industries

Rep. Lipinski's "Metals Bill" (H.R. 1126) became law on May 9, 2008, and will help lead to the creation of new, innovative jobs in the metals industries. Specifically, this law provides \$60 million through 2012 to fund research that will make American steel and other metal manufacturing processes more efficient and environmentally friendly. Today, the Act is helping to put the world's greatest universities and research institutions to work in creating good jobs here at home. This will help save many American workers from the fate that befell Rep. Lipinski's father-in-law who lost his job as a steelworker when his plant closed.

Congressional Assistance

As your Congressman, my staff is available to assist you with questions or issues that deal with federal agencies, such as:

- Military Academy appointments
- Obtaining a United States passport
- Social Security and Medicare
- U.S. Small Business Administration services
- Immigration, naturalization, and citizenship
- Consumer protection issues
- IRS problems
- Mail delivery service/ issues with the United States Postal Service
- Veterans' benefits and military service
- Planning your family and/or class trips to Washington D.C.
- Ordering a flag flown over the United States Capitol building

Congressional Assistance is available locally at one of the offices listed below:

6245 South Archer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638
312-886-0481

19 West Hillgrove Avenue
LaGrange, Illinois 60525
708-352-0524

5309 West 95th Street
Oak Lawn, Illinois 60453
708-424-0853

Lipinski Secures Funding to Improve Local Public Transit

As Chicagoland's only member of the powerful House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Representative Lipinski has been a leader in working to enhance and expand access to public transportation for area residents.

Lipinski secured \$500,000 to initiate the CTA Orange Line extension to Ford City, wrote a provision in the recently enacted Railroad Safety Improvement Act that will help reduce delays on Metra's highly congested routes such as the Heritage Corridor line through Chicago, Summit, and Willow Springs, and helped author and pass in the House the Saving Energy Through Public Transportation Act of 2008 (H.R. 6052) which would provide Illinois with \$200 million in federal transit funding over two years.



Lipinski Brings Weekend Service to Metra's SouthWest Line

In July, Lipinski brought leaders from Metra, RTA, and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) together with local elected officials to reach an agreement to establish weekend service on Metra's SouthWest Service Line (which runs from Chicago to Manhattan with stops in communities such as Ashburn, Wrightwood, Oak Lawn, Chicago Ridge, Worth, Palos Heights, and Palos Park). Congressman Lipinski (pictured above) was pleased to successfully establish this long sought-after service and in October joined Metra and RTA to announce a \$680,000 grant to finance this expansion, expected to begin in early Spring 2009.

Lipinski Continues Push for Stimulus Bill to Create Jobs Building Roads and Other Infrastructure



Rep. Lipinski, joined by local officials, announces federal funding at the groundbreaking for a local transportation project in Summit.

Since early this year Congressman Lipinski has been fighting for the enactment of an economic stimulus bill that would put Americans to work building roads, mass transit projects, and other vital public infrastructure. Studies show that every \$1 billion invested in infrastructure creates and supports 47,500 American jobs.

In September, the House passed H.R. 7110 which would invest \$36.9 billion in our nation's infrastructure, providing Illinois with an additional \$436.8 million for road projects, \$271.6 million for mass transit improvements, and \$290.3 million for sewer and water repairs. Unfortunately, the bill stalled in the Senate.

President-Elect Obama has picked up on the need for infrastructure investment, and included it in his recently proposed stimulus package. With unemployment rising and infrastructure in need of repair, Congressman Lipinski is working to ensure this historic investment in our nation's future is enacted into law as soon as possible.

Lipinski Opposes "Blank Check" Wall Street Bailout Bill, Calls for Help for Struggling Americans

Congressman Lipinski twice voted against the \$700 billion Wall Street bailout bill because it failed to protect American taxpayers, failed to guarantee meaningful oversight, failed to hold anyone accountable for the crisis, and failed to change the system that allowed recklessness and greed to imperil the livelihood of hard-working Americans. (For a more detailed explanation, see website or call office.) Since Congress approved the bailout, the Bush Administration has used the wide latitude it was given in the bill to spend the money in whatever way it wanted while the U.S. economy has continued to spiral downward.

Congressman Lipinski has sent letters to Speaker Pelosi and Treasury Secretary Paulson calling for strict oversight of the bailout to prevent the waste of taxpayer dollars on "business as usual." Astonishingly, within days of securing billions of dollars from taxpayers, AIG spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to send executives to a spa. And some Wall Street executives continue to receive millions

of dollars in year-end "performance" bonuses – effectively subsidized by taxpayers – as Americans continue to lose their jobs.



Congressman Lipinski meets with workers in Bridgeport to discuss the economy.

Congressman Lipinski will continue to focus on providing relief to struggling homeowners, easing access to loans for qualified individuals and small businesses, and spurring job creation.

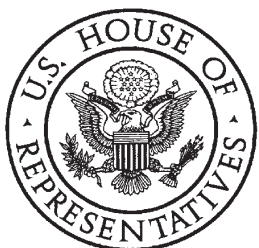
Lipinski Changes Government's Light Bulbs to Protect Environment and Save Tens of Millions of Dollars for Taxpayers



Rep. Lipinski introduces legislation to green federal government buildings.

Congressman Lipinski believes that Representatives must be responsible stewards of taxpayers' money. That is one reason he authored a key provision in the Energy Independence and Security Act enacted last December. This provision, known as the BRIGHT Energy Savings Act, will save energy by requiring the use of high efficiency light bulbs in federal buildings. This common-sense solution will significantly reduce energy consumption – about 75% savings for each of more than 3 million bulbs – potentially saving tens or hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars.

For more information or to seek assistance call 312-886-0481 or visit online at www.lipinski.house.gov



Congressman Dan Lipinski
3rd Congressional District

1717 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-5701

Toll free from IL (866) 822-5701

Public Document
Official Business

Dan Lipinski

M.C.
Presorted Standard

ECRWSS
Residential Customer