



CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

Representing the People of the 3rd District

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Dear Neighbor:

While there has been some good economic news lately, middle-class Americans are still struggling. My top priorities continue to be restoring economic opportunity for the middle class, opposing wasteful Washington spending, and improving the quality of life in the Third District. Rather than contribute to the gridlock on Capitol Hill, I have been working successfully to bring people together to get things done for my constituents and the American people.

To put Americans back to work, I continue to fight for implementation of my Five Point Jobs Plan. In recent months, I helped to write and enact a long-overdue bipartisan reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration that will save money and reduce delays for airline passengers while promoting local economic growth. I am also leading the effort to finally pass a bipartisan transportation reauthorization bill that will put people to work immediately and boost long-term job creation by fixing America's roads and mass transit. My leadership helped to preserve guaranteed funding for public transportation and prevent deep cuts to the CTA, Metra, and Pace.

Last month, I joined with members on both sides of the aisle to push for a bold, bipartisan plan to sharply reduce the national debt while strengthening essential programs for working families and seniors. The Bipartisan Policy Center said that the courage of the members who supported this plan "shows that a vital middle can exist in Congress, despite the deeply polarized ideological atmosphere."

It is my privilege to serve you. I hope to see you at my Town Hall Meeting May 19 in LaGrange. Seniors may attend one of my upcoming Senior Fairs, on May 14 in Summit or on May 29 in Palos Hills (see reverse for details). To sign up for my e-newsletter, visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

Sincerely,


Dan Lipinski

Lipinski Leads Bipartisan Deficit Reduction Effort



Rep. Lipinski speaks to constituents at a Town Hall meeting at Brother Rice High School about his work to cut the deficit.

Congressman Lipinski joined four Democrats and four Republicans in introducing a common-sense plan to responsibly reduce budget deficits while strengthening programs critical for the middle class and seniors. The plan was modeled on a bipartisan proposal by the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, known as the Simpson-Bowles Commission. While it was defeated by the extremes on both the left and right, 38-382, numerous observers praised it. The Chicago Tribune applauded Congressman Lipinski and the few "who stuck their necks out for a bipartisan deal." USA Today said, "There aren't many heroes in this soul-destroying process, but we found a tiny band of 38 – the 22 Democrats and 16 Republicans who voted for a bipartisan alternative budget." The Concord Coalition said the plan is "a major breakthrough" and that Rep. Lipinski "deserves great credit for trying to get Washington moving in the right direction." The Congressman continues to work to restore fiscal discipline in Washington.

Lipinski Prevents Cuts to Metra, CTA, and Pace



Congressman Lipinski continues to work to pass a robust, bipartisan transportation reauthorization bill that will immediately put people to work fixing our roads, bridges, mass transit, and railway system to cut down on congestion and promote long-term job growth. As part of his effort,

“[House Republican leaders] tried to end guaranteed funding for mass transit. That idea was scuttled in part because three Illinois congressmen—Robert Dold (R), Dan Lipinski (D) and Judy Biggert (R)—spoke up against it.”

– *Chicago Sun-Times*

he worked with both Republicans and Democrats (pictured at a press conference in Chicago at left) to defeat a misguided proposal by House Republican leaders that would have ended

guaranteed funding for public transportation. That proposal would have put \$450 million for local public transportation at risk at a time when the CTA, Metra, and Pace are already short of revenue and have major infrastructure needs.

Lipinski Unveils Four-Point Plan to Fight High Gas Prices



Congressman Lipinski (pictured above at a local infrastructure groundbreaking) is working to lower high gas prices by 1) investing in transportation infrastructure and public transit to reduce fuel-wasting congestion, 2) expanding domestic oil production by increasing safe drilling and building pipeline infrastructure, including Keystone XL, 3) encouraging American ingenuity to develop new technologies that enable vehicles to run on renewable and low-cost energy sources, and 4) ensuring fair operation of oil markets so that fundamental supply and demand set prices. To read his complete four-point plan, visit www.lipinski.house.gov.

Lipinski Announces Big Improvement in On-Time Performance on Metra’s Heritage Corridor

The Heritage Corridor Line went from Metra’s worst on-time performer in December to its best in February following a meeting Congressman Lipinski arranged between Metra and Canadian National, the owner of the line. The Congressman is also working to expand service on the Heritage Corridor, and recently led XX local officials in sending a letter to Metra urging the addition of a morning inbound train and an evening outbound train for commuters.

Momentum Builds for Lipinski’s National Manufacturing Strategy Plan



Rep. Lipinski talks to a worker at locomotive manufacturer Electro-Motive Diesel during a recent visit to its La Grange headquarters.

Congressman Lipinski has introduced legislation to forge broad, bipartisan support for an actionable plan to revitalize American manufacturing. Recently, House Republican leaders indicated they intend to move his bill to require development of a national manufacturing strategy through committee and toward a vote on the House floor. In the 111th Congress, the Congressman’s National Manufacturing Strategy Act passed the House 379-38. After a decade of manufacturing job losses and Washington’s failure to take action to combat unfair trade practices by China and others, it is high time for strong action to end the offshoring of U.S. jobs.

Lipinski Works to Boost Innovation and Jobs

The federal government’s investment in scientific research has paid extraordinary dividends over time, contributing to the development of everything from the internet to cellphones to life-saving medical technologies. America’s future economic success depends on getting even more economic growth and middle class job creation from these investments. To make sure that we do, Congressman Lipinski is promoting a new National Science Foundation program that provides scientists engaged in government funded research

with the training they need to commercialize their discoveries. Called the Innovation Corps, this program

“If you like science, technology, or entrepreneurship, [Rep. Lipinski] is the real deal. He gets it.”

– Entrepreneur and startup expert Steve Blank writing in *Business Insider*

has recruited leading Silicon Valley entrepreneurs and venture capitalists to teach an intense, hands-on course

in starting a successful high-tech business. This low-cost initiative will boost innovation and job creation.

Lipinski Honors Catholic Schools

For the sixth year in a row, Congressman Lipinski introduced a resolution in Congress, H. Res. 523, to honor the outstanding work of Catholic schools and to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The graduation rate for Catholic high school students is 99 percent and Catholic schools save Chicagoland taxpayers \$1 billion annually by lowering the number of students in overburdened public schools.



Rep. Lipinski toured numerous local Catholic schools during Catholic Schools Week.



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Rep. Lipinski to Host Town Hall and Senior Fairs

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Rep. Lipinski speaks to a local senior about his work in Congress.



Rep. Lipinski recently held an event for small businesses interested in selling their products to the federal government.

Upcoming Events

Senior Fairs

Monday, May 14, 10 a.m. — Noon
American Legion

6050 South Harlem Avenue, Summit, Illinois

Tuesday, May 29, 10 a.m. — Noon

Moraine Valley Community College,
9000 West College Parkway, Palos Hills, Illinois

The Congressman's staff will provide help with Social Security, Medicare, and other federal issues at his Senior Fairs. Other organizations will also provide assistance.

Town Hall Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.
American Legion Post 1941

900 South LaGrange Road, LaGrange, Illinois

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

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