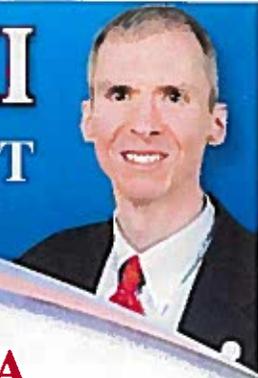


CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT



Dear Neighbor,

This year started with a bipartisan budget agreement that eliminated the threat of another pointless shutdown. I was proud to have played a part in getting to that solution. But then Washington once again fell into partisan bickering and gridlock that has failed to deal with the many problems our nation faces, including some problems caused by the government, such as the shameful VA scandal.

You and I understand that we must come together to find bipartisan solutions that unleash the great potential of hard-working Americans who continue to suffer, especially the middle class.

As your representative, I continue to listen to you and focus on promoting job creation, improving our communities, addressing the country's unsustainable debt, and keeping our commitments to those who built our nation, especially our veterans.

In the coming weeks I will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting, two Senior Fairs, and a Veterans Fair. I hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact one of my district offices. My door is always open. If you would like to receive occasional updates about my work on your behalf, you can sign up for my e-mail newsletter through my website, www.lipinski.house.gov. It is an honor and privilege to represent you.

Sincerely,


Dan Lipinski



Lipinski Pushes VA Reforms to Give Veterans the Care They Deserve



Congressman Lipinski and U.S. Senator Mark Kirk (pictured together) came together recently to hear from local veterans about problems in the VA health care system. Since the VA scandal broke, they have been leading the charge to fix the VA.

Lipinski had called for the resignation of Secretary Shinseki because a change of leadership was needed. He then helped pass the *VA Management Accountability Act* to make it easier to fire or demote career employees and managers who are found to be involved in cases of negligence or mismanagement. He is also pushing other improvements to the care veterans receive.

"We must fix the VA so that our veterans get the care and service they deserve for protecting our freedoms," Rep. Lipinski said. "We owe them no less."

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CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI'S 5 Point Jobs Plan

1. Strengthen Manufacturing

- ★ Pass the American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act, H.R. 2447
- ★ Improve domestic procurement standards and close loopholes with the Buy American Improvement Act, H.R. 3346

2. Modernize Our Infrastructure

- ★ Pass long-term bills to fund investment in roads, rails, rivers, aviation & transit
- ★ Facilitate increased private investment in infrastructure projects

3. Educate the Workforce

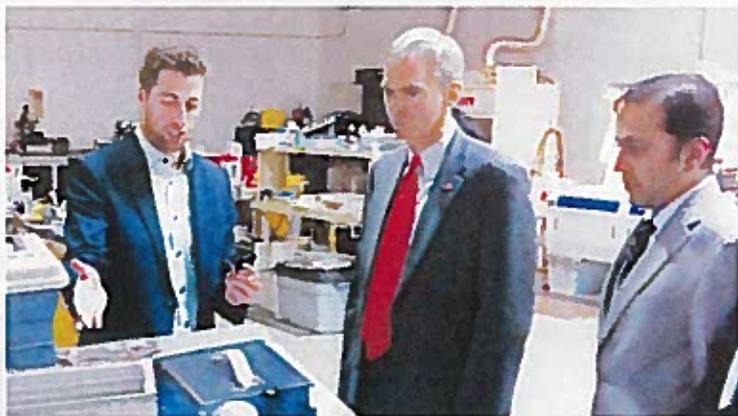
- ★ Improve STEM education in schools
- ★ Establish effective worker-training programs and help develop technical skills

4. Level the Playing Field in Trade

- ★ Pass H.R. 1276 to combat China's currency manipulation
- ★ Enforce existing trade laws and oppose unfair trade deals
- ★ Improve training for Customs agents to stop illegal imports

5. Invest in Innovation

- ★ Increase investment in basic research
- ★ Facilitate turning American R&D into American jobs
- ★ Help innovative small businesses grow

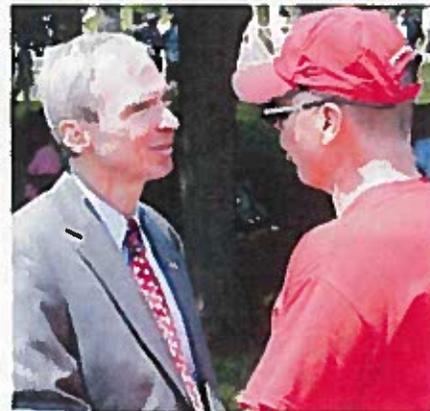


Rep. Lipinski visits local high tech business to discuss federal research and development policies

Progress on Rep. Lipinski's Jobs Plan

Investment in Manufacturing Innovation

Rep. Lipinski helped Chicago-based UI LABS win a \$70 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to form the Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation Institute. The lab will look to turn high tech research into new products and good middle class manufacturing jobs.



The Congressman talks about the need for more area manufacturing jobs with a constituent in Chicago

Local Transportation Improvements

Congressman Lipinski has brought back over \$200 million for local transportation projects. Recently, he worked with state and area leaders to get \$15 million in funding for engineering work on an underpass at 65th Street and Harlem Avenue. Once completed, the benefits will include fewer delays, increased safety, less gas wasted, and the potential for more jobs.

Modernization of Locks, Dams & Ports

The *Water Resources Reform and Development Act* was signed into law in June. The bill is vital for freight transportation and will help take traffic off roads and rails. It addresses many issues that Congressman Lipinski has been working on, including language he added barring the dumping of dredged materials at the Lucas-Berg Facility in Worth. In addition, the bill also helps battle the spread of Asian carp that threaten our Great Lakes.

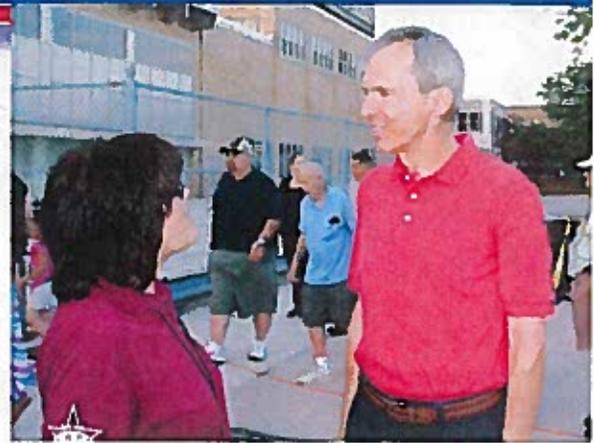
The Chicago Ship and Sanitary Canal and the Cal-Sag Channel are important economic engines in southwest Cook and Will Counties. Recently, Rep. Lipinski announced that the Army Corps is going to spend nearly \$12 million on the Lockport Lock in order to protect the community from possible flooding and to keep the lock functioning for barge traffic.

Working to Fix Problems with the Affordable Care Act

Since the *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) was passed, Congressman Lipinski has worked tirelessly to bring people together to fix problems with this well-intentioned, but flawed law.

He introduced the *Health Care Access Fairness and Penalty Delay Act* (H.R. 3425) to make sure people would not be penalized because of the failure of the healthcare.gov website. He also cosponsored the “*If You Like Your Health Plan, You Can Keep it Act*” (H.R. 3406) in order to help protect Americans from losing their health insurance plan.

“I continue to have many concerns about the impact of the ACA; that is why I have sponsored, cosponsored, or voted for more than two dozen changes to the law,” said Rep. Lipinski. “Legislation like the bipartisan *Save American Workers Act* needs to become law to help preserve the take-home-pay of millions of Americans. It is about time that the President, along with both parties in Congress, put the rhetoric aside and work to identify the significant problems that still exist with the law and fix them - this is what the American people expect of us.”



The Congressman discusses the challenges of healthcare coverage with a constituent in Chicago

Combating Military Sexual Assault

Rep. Lipinski’s legislation to help combat the continuing problem of sexual assault in the military was included as an amendment to the *2014 National Defense Authorization Act* and was signed into law. His bill, the *SANE Deployment Act*, requires each branch of the military to improve the training for and expand the number of professionally trained sexual assault nurse examiners (SANE) to assist in investigations and provide specialized medical treatment and care to victims.

“I am hopeful that the *SANE Deployment Act* will bring greater attention to the needs of sexual assault victims and help deter future assaults by increasing the punishment of those guilty of such reprehensible crimes,” said Lipinski.

Protecting our Communities

Congressman Lipinski recently helped the Oak Lawn Fire Department secure a \$206,428 federal grant. The grant will be used to purchase four CPR Compression Machines and four Power Assist Stretchers for their ambulances.

During this Congressional term, Lipinski has assisted the Burbank, Chicago, La Grange, and Western Springs Fire Departments in receiving grants for equipment and services.

The House of Representatives recently passed Lipinski’s bill to honor fallen firefighter Herbie Johnson. The bill renames the post office in Chicago’s Mount Greenwood community after longtime Chicago Fire Captain Herbert “Herbie” Johnson. The 54-year-old died two years ago while fighting a house fire on the city’s South Side.

“Captain Johnson heroically served area residents for over 32 years, paying the ultimate price protecting the neighborhoods he loved,” said Lipinski. “This bill not only honors him, but all first responders who bravely put their lives on the line every day for people they don’t even know.”



The Congressman presents Oak Lawn officials with a check to purchase ambulance equipment



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Upcoming Events Hosted by Congressman Lipinski

★ TOWN HALL MEETING ★

Thursday, July 31 – 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Oak Lawn Community High School Gymnasium
9400 Southwest Hwy • Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Congressional staff will be available starting at 6:00 p.m.
for assistance with federal agencies.

★ SENIOR FAIRS ★

Monday, July 28 – 10:00 a.m. – noon
Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church
653 West 37th Street • Chicago, IL 60609

Monday, August 4 – 10:00 a.m. – noon
John Olson American Legion Post #18
15052 Archer Avenue • Lockport, IL 60441

★ VETERANS FAIR ★

Friday, August 1 – 10:00 a.m. – noon
John C. Oremus Community Center
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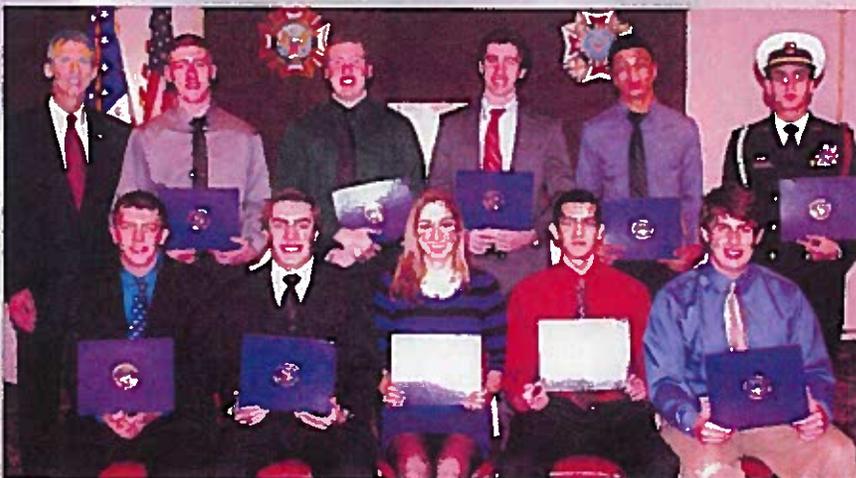


Congressman Lipinski talks with an area resident about constituent services in Palos Hills

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- ★ Veterans' benefits and military service
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- ★ Obtaining a U.S. passport
- ★ Immigration and naturalization
- ★ Mail delivery issues
- ★ Small Business Administration services
- ★ IRS problems
- ★ Planning trips to Washington, D.C.
- ★ Ordering a U.S. Capitol flag



Rep. Lipinski recognizes his service academy nominees. If you know a high school senior interested in applying for a United States Service Academy, contact the Congressman's office at 312-886-0481

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