

CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

REPRESENTING THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Dear Neighbor:

Despite some signs of improvement in the economy, hard-working middle-class Americans continue to struggle because there are not enough good jobs available. Unfortunately, Washington just keeps bickering. But I remain focused on bringing people together to fight for the middle class, promote job creation, protect seniors, honor veterans, and make our communities and our nation better.

There has been some good news in Washington. A budget compromise means more investment in our nation's domestic priorities and security without deepening our debt, and Medicare premiums won't rise dramatically. It also appears that a long-term funding bill for roads and transit will finally be passed. And the bill I wrote to promote American manufacturing is now law. These are all issues that I have been fighting for and got done through bipartisan action. But there has also been some bad news, such as giving presidents the ability to fast-track bad trade deals through Congress for the next five years.

I invite you to join me on Dec. 3rd at the Oak Lawn Public Library for a Town Hall Meeting. This will give us an opportunity to talk more about issues that you are concerned about. In addition, this month I will be holding two Senior Fairs and a Veterans Fair.

If you would like to receive regular updates about my work on your behalf, sign up for my e-newsletter at lipinski.house.gov.

Rest assured, I will continue to work on solving problems that we face in the Third District and across our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

Dan Lipinski

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Lipinski confers with constituents from Palos Park about upcoming bills in Washington, D.C.

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14700 Ravinia Ave., 1st Floor
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-403-4379

Lockport Central Square
222 E. 9th St. #109
Lockport, IL 60441
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Lipinski is joined by Congresswoman Robin Kelly (IL-2) and workers at a manufacturing plant in Chicago to address fast-track legislation.

Lipinski Leads on Job Creation

Fights Against Fast-Tracking Bad Trade Deals

- Congress narrowly voted to give the president the authority to fast-track trade agreements through Congress with no amendments. Choosing to protect American workers, American manufacturers, and our environment, Lipinski voted no on the fast-track bill.

Introduces Bill to Strengthen Buy America Laws

- Legislation will strengthen Buy America laws for federal purchases for transportation projects. As a chairman of the Congressional Buy American Caucus, he understands how critical it is that federal taxpayer dollars are spent at home employing Americans whenever possible.

Lipinski's Bill to Boost Manufacturing Jobs Becomes Law

After years of hard work, a bill requiring a National Strategic Plan for Manufacturing was signed into law. Every four years the president will be required to consult with private and public sector manufacturing experts who will make recommendations for policies that will help grow American manufacturing jobs.

“Growing up near Midway Airport, I understand how important manufacturing is to good middle-class jobs, strong communities, and America’s defense,” said Lipinski. “This bill guarantees that Washington must pay attention to what can be done to help manufacturers and workers.”



Lipinski visits ODM Tool & Manufacturing in McCook to discuss his manufacturing bill.

Lipinski Defends American Workers

Helps Pass Reauthorization of the Export-Import Bank

- The Ex-Im Bank provides financing for foreign customers to purchase goods and services from U.S. companies. It supports manufacturing firms of all sizes throughout the 3rd District, providing over \$230 million in export credit assistance. This help supports manufacturing firms’ sales and exports, creating jobs and keeping our economy growing. Since 1990, Ex-Im has returned to taxpayers \$7 billion more than it has received.

Works to Revise Healthcare Law to Help Small Businesses Hire More Workers

- Rep. Lipinski helped pass a bill to prevent higher premiums for employees of small businesses and to allow them to keep their existing plans. He is also fighting to define a full-time work week as 40 hours.



Rep. Lipinski and Senator Dick Durbin discuss the need for a comprehensive transportation bill at LaSalle Street Station in Chicago.

Lipinski Leads on Transportation Improvements

Helps Pass Long-Term Highway and Transit Bill

- First long-term bill in a decade provides six years of money for roads, creates a new program for rail underpasses, and ensures funding for public transit.

Secures Grants for Midway Airport

- Over \$10.5 million will be used to upgrade safety.

Facilitates Study to Speed Local Passenger Rail Service

- Plan will aid Metra and Amtrak passengers in the Third District

Works to Increase and Permanently Extend Commuter Tax Break

- Benefit helps commuters who use public transit get to and from work, easing congestion on roads.

Lipinski's Bill to Strengthen Cybersecurity Signed Into Law

Critical bipartisan legislation that will increase the security of federal networks and information systems, improve the transfer of cybersecurity technologies to the marketplace, train a cybersecurity workforce, and coordinate and prioritize federal cybersecurity research and development efforts is now law.

“Since I first introduced this bill, cyber threats have gotten much worse,” said Rep. Lipinski. “Every day we wake up to reports of more cyber attacks threatening our economic and national security. This bill will help defend us individually as well as defend our nation.”

Lipinski Supports Local Communities

Brings in Help for Midway Airport Noise Abatement

- Over \$12.8 million available for sound insulation in homes.

Secures First Responder Grants

- Funds much-needed new equipment for North Palos Fire Protection District, La Grange Fire Department, and Burbank Fire Department.

Boosts Lemont's Argonne National Lab

- Funding keeps the national lab facility at the forefront of research and innovation, helping to create jobs.

Helps Improve STEM Education for Local Students

- Grants for Lewis University in Romeoville and a non-profit program serving local public schools help prepare students for science, technology, engineering, and math jobs.



Rep. Lipinski talks with a constituent at a fair in Lemont about some of the grant dollars that are coming to the district.



The Congressman talks about services his office provides for seniors with a Lockport resident.

Lipinski Cares for Seniors

Stops Massive Premium Increase for Medicare Enrollees

- Rep. Lipinski helped pass legislation that prevented the scheduled 52% increase in Medicare premiums for seniors.

Pushes Congress to Pass the CPI for Seniors Act

- Recently, it was announced that seniors will again not be receiving an increase in Social Security benefits in 2016. For years the Congressman has been urging his colleagues to support the *CPI for Seniors Act*, which creates a new cost of living index that would be a more accurate measure of the cost increases faced by older Americans.

Lipinski Honors Veterans

Champions “Hire More Heroes” Act

- Bipartisan bill passed by House encourages small businesses to hire more veterans.

Helps Pass Veterans’ Suicide Prevention Bill

- The *Clay Hunt Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act*, named in honor of Iraq and Afghanistan War veteran and Purple Heart recipient Marine Corporal Clay Hunt, expands access to mental health services for our nation’s veterans and increases the capacity and efficiency of the VA to care for veterans.

Assists in Bringing Our Fallen Heroes Home

- Six years after beginning the fight in Congress for the return of American heroes killed in the Battle of Tarawa, Rep. Lipinski was proud to announce the discovery and return of the remains of 37 Marines who perished in the critical World War II battle.

“I have always been dedicated to working with veterans and their families and pushing for more resources to locate and identify Americans that fell in service to our nation,” said Rep. Lipinski. “The least we can do for our citizens that paid the ultimate price for us is to give them a proper burial at home.”

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Lipinski meets with a World War II hero in Washington through the Honor Flight program and updates him on the latest efforts to bring those left behind home.

Lipinski Cleans Up the Environment

Introduces Legislation that Benefits the Environment and Taxpayers

- H.R. 3140 helps ensure that oil and gas on federal lands are responsibly extracted and that Americans are fairly compensated. Companies will be required to pay royalties on uncaptured methane, resulting in less damage to the environment and more money for taxpayers.

Fights to End Sewage Dumping in the Great Lakes

- Rep. Lipinski helped introduce bipartisan legislation that would end sewage dumping in the Great Lakes and surrounding tributaries by 2035. The *Great Lakes Water Protection Act* increases fines to up to \$100,000 a day per violation and uses the money to build new clean-water infrastructure.

Urges Completion of Bubbly Creek Restoration

- The Congressman is asking the Army Corps to continue the planned restoration of Bubbly Creek at the South Fork of the Chicago River because it is an important project for the community and the environment.

Lipinski Helps Pass Life-Saving Medical Research and Innovation Bill

Congressman Lipinski cosponsored and helped pass the *21st Century Cures Act*, which would boost funding for biomedical research and also streamline and update the approval process for medical innovations, improving the quality of life for many Americans.

“This legislation will help speed the development and delivery of lifesaving cures,” said Rep. Lipinski. “It provides a critical infusion of resources for medical research, as I have long advocated for. It will also speed up the process by which medications and medical devices are approved in order to get new treatments to patients faster.”



The Congressman is joined by Worth Mayor Mary Werner and Village Clerk Bonnie Price to discuss the future of the Lucas-Berg site.

Lipinski Protects Communities

Stops Dumping in Lucas-Berg in Worth

- The final step has been completed to permanently protect the Lucas-Berg Preserve in Worth from being a dumping site for the Army Corps of Engineers. Last year, Lipinski inserted language into a bill which forbid the planned dumping of dredged materials from the Cal-Sag Channel into the property.

Keeps Rail Communities Safe

- Rep. Lipinski teamed up with area first responders and rail industry leaders (pictured below) to introduce a new safety app called AskRail that allows first responders at the scene of a train accident to quickly find out what types of hazardous materials are being carried on each rail car.





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Congressional Assistance

My staff is available to assist you with the following:

- Social Security and Medicare
- Veterans' benefits and military service
- Service Academy appointments
- 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 773-948-6223. The deadline to apply is December 1.

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