

CONGRESSMAN DAN LIPINSKI

REPRESENTING THE THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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Dear Neighbor:

My focus every day as your representative is to strengthen our local communities and our nation, and to restore America's middle class. It's a difficult job in Washington today which is consumed by partisan bickering and special interests. But I continue to work for you.

My top two legislative goals for this term have been achieved. After years of battling gridlock, I helped enact a five-year transportation bill that will put people to work, increase funding for Illinois roads by 10%, and improve local public transit. Also, the fight to prevent passage of a bad trade deal negotiated with 11 Pacific Rim nations – the TPP – has been successful, so far. These are both victories for the middle class, but much more must be done.

In this newsletter you can read about other ways I've been fighting to create jobs, defend American workers, care for seniors, honor veterans, boost transportation, protect the environment, improve healthcare, and support our local communities.

In the coming weeks, I will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting, two Senior Fairs, and a Veterans Fair. These are great opportunities for you to get some help and have your voice heard. If you would like to receive regular updates about my work on your behalf, sign up for my e-newsletter on my website, lipinski.house.gov.

It's an honor and privilege to serve you.

Dan Lipinski

CONGRESSMAN LIPINSKI HOSTS TOWN HALL MEETING

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Lipinski talks about local transportation issues in Beverly.

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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 Opposes Another Bad Trade Deal for Middle Class

The largest trade deal in history – the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) which includes the U.S. and 11 Pacific Rim nations – was finalized last year, but must be voted on by Congress. According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, this bad deal would hit American manufacturers hard with job losses.

“Americans cannot afford another trade deal crafted by multinationals for themselves,” said Lipinski. “I will continue to work to defeat TPP and any other trade agreement that doesn’t benefit America’s middle class, raise wages, and safeguard the consumer and environmental protections that we rely upon.”

Lipinski is joined by colleagues to discuss opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

Lipinski Defends American Workers

Cracks Down on Foreign Companies Cheating Americans

Lipinski’s *Customs Training Enhancement Act* has become law. It cracks down on foreign companies cheating Americans by illegally avoiding customs duties at the border. This will help American manufacturers grow their businesses and add jobs, while also collecting hundreds of millions of dollars owed to taxpayers.

Protects American Companies and Jobs from Espionage

Lipinski helped pass into law the *Defend Trade Secrets Act* to give American businesses greater legal protections for their commercial secrets. Industrial espionage and theft of intellectual property by foreign companies costs U.S. businesses more than \$300 billion a year. This law will help protect American jobs.

Fights Illegal Job-Stealing by China

Lipinski led a bipartisan group of more than 50 lawmakers calling on the President to stop China from being granted market economy status (MES). Bestowing MES would make it even more difficult to stop China

from illegally supporting its own firms to the detriment of American workers. China’s cheating must be stopped before more Americans lose their jobs.



The Congressman visits UOP in McCook to review the impact of recent manufacturing legislation.



The Congressman invites veterans to participate in the Veterans History Project during a ceremony in Oak Lawn.

Lipinski Supports Veterans

Honors Korean War Heroes

The House approved a bill Lipinski cosponsored that authorizes the expansion of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., to include a “Wall of Remembrance” that would commemorate U.S. soldiers who were killed or wounded during the Korean War.

Leads on Expansion of Job Training Program for Veterans

The House recently approved an amendment Rep. Lipinski offered to expand the SkillBridge job training program for departing service members. This program has already trained around 4,500 veterans with an employment success rate of 100%.

Lipinski Invites Veterans to Share Their Stories

Congressman Lipinski is teaming with the Library of Congress to bring their Veterans History Project (VHP) to the Third District. The VHP collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of veterans so that future generations can better understand the contributions veterans have made.

Participation in the program is easy. If you’re a veteran of any conflict – including the Cold War – simply call the Congressman’s Chicago office at 773-948-6223 and schedule an interview time with a specially trained staff member. The interview will be

recorded and a copy will be sent to the veteran and the Library of Congress. In addition, veterans can donate copies of correspondence as well as visual material.

“I encourage every veteran to take advantage of this great opportunity to add their voice to this project,” stated Lipinski. “American history is not just about famous people; it is the story of every American who has contributed in ways big and small to our nation, and every veteran has made an important contribution.”

Lipinski Watches Out for Seniors

Pushes for Fair COLA for Social Security

The 2017 cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security recipients will be announced in October. As of now, it is expected there will be a very small increase. The Congressman continues to push for the creation of a CPI for seniors to accurately measure increased costs faced by seniors.

Works to Preserve Seniors’ Access to Drugs

This spring, Medicare proposed to decrease payments made for drugs administered by doctors such as chemotherapy drugs. Unfortunately this proposal could have unintended consequences for seniors and needs more work. Lipinski is working with colleagues to ensure seniors don’t lose access to treatment.



The Congressman discusses senior issues in Crest Hill.

Lipinski Protects the Environment

Acts to Clean Up and Protect Great Lakes

Lipinski helped introduce and pass the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative* that would provide grants to accelerate clean-up of the lakes, including efforts on invasive species, toxic substances, and shoreline health.

Fights to Prevent Lead in Drinking Water

He co-sponsored H.R. 4479, which provides grants to remove lead from drinking water and to research effects of lead exposure.



Rep. Lipinski is focused on preserving the environment for future generations. It was among the topics discussed during a recent tour of St. Barnabas School in Chicago.

Lipinski Confronts Opioid Abuse Crisis

Lipinski helped pass several bills to help combat a growing problem for families across the region and our nation, opioid abuse and addiction. Among other provisions, these bills set up a new grant program to combat opioid abuse, provide federal help for residential treatment centers, and require the VA to update its opioid therapy guidelines.

“Congress can’t solve this national dilemma on its own, but it can certainly help give various groups and organizations some of the tools they need to begin to confront this serious issue,” Rep. Lipinski said. “This legislation is just a start. I will continue to fight for more action in Congress and to work locally to combat this crisis situation that no community is immune to.”

Lipinski Supports Local Communities

Secures Relief for Blocked Rail Crossings

At Lipinski’s urging, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) is increasing their scrutiny of CSX railroad after a dramatic increase in blocked rail crossing incidents on the Elsdon line in Beverly and Mount Greenwood. The STB has authority to force action by CSX if blockage continues.

Assists Saint Xavier Nursing Program

The University will receive \$341,366 in financial assistance for the education of advanced practice nurses.

Boosts Lemont’s Argonne National Lab

A \$3 million grant will be used to develop innovative materials and structures that can reduce heat lost through windows by more than half during the winter.

Helps Capture First Responder Grants

These funds will help purchase much-needed new equip-



The Congressman presents the Oak Lawn Fire Department and area officials with a check for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus devices.

ment for the Burbank, Oak Lawn, and Stickney Fire Departments, and the Lemont and Pleasantview Fire Protection Districts.

Improves Safety at Midway Airport

An \$11.8 million grant will pay to fix runways.

Lipinski Leads Successful Effort On Long-Term Road and Transit Funding Bill

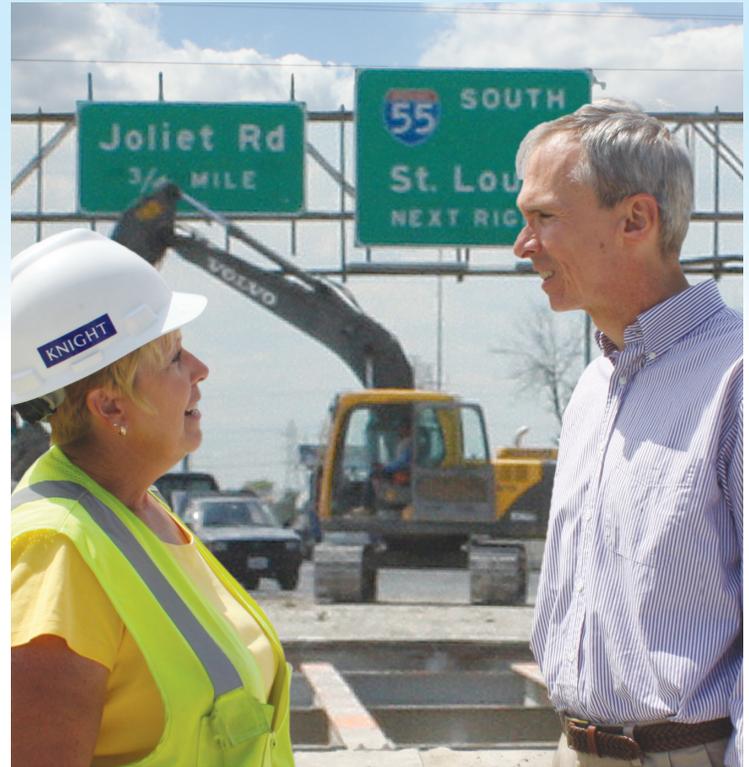
New Law Increases Local Road Funding by 10% and Boosts Support for Transit

“This bill is great news for the nation, especially people that live and work in the Third District,” said Rep. Lipinski. “I fought hard in the Transportation Committee, on the House floor, and in the conference negotiations, and was able to make this bill better at each step.”

Under the *FAST Act*, Illinois will receive 10% more money to ease congestion on our roads. Local transit riders will see improvements from the increased funding for Metra, CTA, and Pace. The bill will also help stimulate job creation and employment through the significant investment it makes in infrastructure.

Lipinski was also able to add provisions in the bill that:

- Ensure that American-made products and materials are used in construction
- Provide funds to commuter rail agencies, such as Metra, to install Positive Train Control safety technology to prevent crashes
- Support the redevelopment of Chicago’s Union Station,



Lipinski talks with an engineer during a tour of road projects in his district.

- by expanding rail infrastructure financing
- Fund infrastructure for transportation alternatives
- Increase the safety of rail cars carrying oil and other hazardous materials



Rep. Lipinski speaks about the importance of public transit at a ceremony in Lemont after riding the new service on the Heritage Corridor line.

Lipinski Helps Secure Expansion of Metra Service on Heritage Corridor Line

Riders on the Heritage Corridor line now have another option for getting home each weekday after Metra added a 2:45 pm departure from Chicago.

“After spending many years and countless hours fighting to get Heritage Corridor riders more service, I am happy to see another train added to this line,” Lipinski said. “This additional service means that more residents will be able to spend less of their valuable time each day driving on congested roads or traveling to less convenient Metra stations. I look forward to continuing to work to increase, enhance, and expand commuter rail service across my district.”



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Upcoming Events Hosted by Congressman Lipinski

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Lipinski joins Third District 2016 Congressional Art Competition winner Cain Nocera and his parents for a special ceremony at Lyons Township High School.

Rep. Lipinski's Offices are Available to Help You with the Following:

- Social Security and Medicare
- Veterans' Benefits and Military Service Issues
- Military Service Academy Appointments
- Assistance with U.S. Passport Agency
- Immigration and Naturalization Services
- U.S. Post Office Issues
- IRS Problems
- Small Business Administration Services
- Planning Trips to Washington, D.C.
- Ordering an American Flag that has been Flown Over the U.S. Capitol



Lipinski talks about Social Security at a senior fair in Mount Greenwood.

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