

# 26th Congressional District



2013

*Working for North Texas*

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## 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Participated in 86 Hearings and Markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Participated in 56 Hearings in the Rules Committee
- Cast 641 votes, a 97.3% vote attendance record
- Cosponsored 167 bills
- Authored and introduced 19 pieces of legislation
- Opened 500 cases with federal agencies on behalf of constituents
- Received and responded to over 54,000 pieces of correspondence
- Held or attended over 400 events
- Assisted in having 86 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol
- Mentioned in 1,302 newspaper articles and blog posts
- Conducted 107 radio interviews and 70 television interviews
- Issued 48 Press releases
- Delivered the Republican Weekly Address

*It is an honor to represent you in the United States House of Representatives. For the past year, I've done my best to represent you in and advocate on behalf of your interests in Washington. While we have made lot of progress in the last year to get our economy back on track and reign in the spending and over reach of the government, there is still a lot of work left to be done. In the coming year, I will continue my commitment to working on behalf of a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda. We need to make government more efficient, and reduce the bureaucratic burdens and over regulation that are stifling our economy. With dedication and commitment, we can build this great country back, and we can create a better future for our children and grandchildren.*

## ABOUT ME



After spending nearly three decades practicing medicine in North Texas, I have served the constituents of the 26th District since 2003 in the United States House of Representatives.

I currently serve on the prestigious House Energy and Commerce Committee. In the 113th Congress, 2013 and 2014, I will serve as the Vice Chairman of both the Subcommittee on Health and the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, and as a member of the Energy and Power Subcommittee. I am the only member of Congress to serve as vice chairman to two subcommittees. In addition, I was appointed to the Rules Committee in 2013 and continue to serve on the Helsinki Commission. In 2009, I founded, and currently serve as Co-Chair of the Congressional Health Caucus.

Because of my medical background, I have been a strong advocate for health care legislation aimed at reducing health care costs, improving choices, reforming liability laws to put the needs of patients first, and ensuring there are enough doctors in the public and private sector to care for America's patients and veterans. I have played an important role in bipartisan efforts to ensure the safety of food, drugs, and consumer products, and have introduced legislation to strengthen our ability to stop dangerous products from coming into the country.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee I have played a large role in the oversight of the Affordable Care Act. In that role, I have worked hard to reduce the adverse effects of the law and to hold the administration accountable for delivering on their promises to the American people.

A fiscal conservative, I believe Americans deserve a federal government that is more efficient, effective, less costly, and always transparent. I follow a strict adherence to the Constitution, and oppose unnecessary expansion of the federal government's control over Americans' personal freedoms. Instead, I believe in giving people more control over their lives and their money.

During my time as your Representative, I have earned a reputation as a problem-solver who seeks sensible solutions to the challenges Americans face and have received several awards including: America's Essential Hospitals "Essential Physician Leader Award"; American Optometric Association's Health Care Leadership Award; Health Care '50 Most Influential Physician Executives' Award; American Conservative Union Rating Certificate; National Association of Health Underwriters 'Spirit of Independence Award'; and the National Down Syndrome Society 'Superhero Award'.

Today, I represent the majority of Denton County and parts of Dallas County and Tarrant County. I was raised in Denton and attended The Selwyn School, graduating in 1968 as valedictorian. In addition, I graduated with both an undergraduate and a master's degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas.

I received my M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston, and completed my residency programs at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. I also received a master's degree in Medical Management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in May of 2009 was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center.

My wife, Laura, and I have been married for 39 years. We have three children and two grandsons.

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# COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

## ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

I am a member of the [House Energy and Commerce Committee](#), the oldest standing legislative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and considered to be one of the most powerful committees. This committee has wide-ranging jurisdiction, presiding over all matters relating to telecommunications, consumer protection, food and drug safety, public health, air quality and environmental health, the supply and delivery of energy, and interstate and foreign commerce in general.

This jurisdiction extends over five cabinet-level departments (U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency) and many independent agencies (Federal Trade Commission, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Communications Commission, Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission). During the 113th Congress, 2013 and 2014, I will serve in the following positions:

- **Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Health.** Jurisdiction of this subcommittee includes: public health and quarantine, hospital construction, mental health and research, biomedical programs and health protection in general, including public and private health insurance, food and drugs, and drug abuse.
- **Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.** Jurisdiction of this subcommittee includes: responsibility for oversight of agencies, departments, and programs within the jurisdiction of the full committee, and for conducting investigations within such jurisdiction.
- **Member, Subcommittee on Energy and Power.** Jurisdiction of this subcommittee includes: general national energy policy, fossil energy, renewable energy resources and synthetic fuels, energy conservation, energy information, energy regulation and utilization, utility issues and regulation of nuclear facilities, interstate energy compacts, nuclear energy, The Clean Air Act and air emissions, and all laws, programs, and government activities affecting such matters.

## RULES COMMITTEE

Beginning in the 113th Congress, I was asked to serve as the newest member of the powerful House Rules Committee. Chaired by fellow Texan Pete Sessions, the Rules Committee establishes the parameters of debate for every bill considered by the House of Representatives on the House floor. The committee consists of 9 Republicans and 4 Democrats, and meets weekly to discuss the floor schedule and vote on bills for debate. As a member of this committee, I am in a unique position to influence policy on every aspect of the House agenda, including issues pertaining to health care, energy, spending, national security, and intelligence.

- During the first session of the 113th Congress, the Rules Committee has met over 50 times to move critical pieces of legislation to the House Floor for consideration
- I supported numerous key amendments to major pieces of legislation so that they could be considered by the full House, including the Amash Amendment to the FY2014 National Defense Authorization Act as well as several amendments to various appropriations bills to fully defund the Affordable Care Act.
- I managed 8 Rules on the House floor, providing for the consideration of key pieces of legislation pertaining to health care and energy policy.

## CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

A Congressional caucus, also known as a Congressional Member Organization, is a group of members of the United States Congress that meets to pursue common legislative objectives and can be bi-partisan and contain members of both houses. Because a caucus is comprised of members with similar ideas and goals, they can be extremely important and powerful.

### Caucus Chairman/Co-Chair

- Congressional Health Care Caucus
- Congressional Motorcycle Safety Caucus
- Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus
- Congressional Flat Tax Caucus

### Caucus Membership:

- Bipartisan Congressional Privacy Caucus
- Congressional Automotive Performance & Motorsports Caucus
- Congressional Bike Caucus
- House Bike Caucus
- Congressional Dyslexia Caucus
- Congressional Horse Caucus
- Congressional Navy & Marine Corps Caucus
- Congressional Romania Caucus
- Congressional Western Caucus
- Congressional Mental Health Caucus
- Congressional General Aviation Caucus
- Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus
- Congressional Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
- Congressional Taiwan Caucus
- Crohn's and Colitis Caucus
- GOP Doctors Caucus
- House Agriculture Energy Users Caucus
- House Biofuels Caucus
- House Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Caucus
- Immigration Reform Caucus
- Next Gen 9-1-1 Caucus
- Zero Capital Gains Tax Caucus
- Western Caucus



## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR ETHICAL CONDUCT

As a Member of Congress, I have an open door policy for any constituent of the 26th District of Texas to meet with me or my staff in my [Texas office](#) or my [Washington, D.C. office](#). Other persons or groups representing communities, large or small businesses or themselves with concerns impacting the 26th District are welcome to [request a meeting with me](#) and my staff as well. I do my very best to try and schedule as many meetings and events as possible in a timely fashion.

Such meetings or event requests are based upon need and availability and no other outside influences are taken into consideration. I take my job as a representative of the people of the 26th District very seriously, and I believe that when I am called upon to make a decision, the only voices that I look to for input are those residing within the borders of the district I represent.

The people of the 26th District have entrusted me with the responsibility of this office and I am honored to have that trust. An important part of this role is transparency. As the steward of this congressional office, it is my fiduciary duty to ensure that I conduct my personal dealings and the business of this office both ethically and with dignity. Each year I provide my [Financial Disclosure](#) to the U.S. House of Representatives as required. Additionally, each quarter the U.S. House of Representatives produces a [Statement of Disbursements](#) which provides specific information concerning the expenses and disbursements for each office. I believe it is important to be accountable and provide transparency in the dealings of our elected officials and government offices.

## FOCUS ON CONSTITUENT SERVICES

One of the most important things I do as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to and information about the federal government. Although I cannot override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a constituent's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape.

- **How May I Help?** – When a federal agency has failed to respond in a timely manner to a request for assistance or has otherwise been unwilling to provide a level of relief that agency regulations appear to support, a Congressional Inquiry may be utilized to seek a response. While a favorable reply cannot always be promised, every review and consideration will be afforded based on the merits of the agency concern to seek either a resolution or an explanation of the limiting legal guidelines the agency must follow in relation to your concern.
- **Review** – Together we will clarify the issue, identify your progress within the inquiry process, and develop a strategy to assist you in the most efficient pursuit of your goal. My office will serve as a mediator to ensure that your request is provided for full review and consideration by the appropriate officials.
- **Closure** – We will pursue an answer to either provide a satisfactory resolution to your concern or a clear explanation of the limiting legal guidelines that prevent the agency from providing the desired answer.
- **Empower** – We will seek to identify resources that may be helpful in further supporting and documenting your claim so you can maximize your appeal rights and other avenues that may be available for further assistance. Through this process I will seek to provide excellence in service of the constituent needs related to the agencies of the government.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS

I have a strong moral philosophy that guides my life and informs the manner in which I represent the State of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Every vote I cast in Congress starts with you, the people of the 26th District of Texas. I was sent by the people of our district to Washington not to promote any personal agenda, but to bring your voice to our nation's capital. Before each vote I ask myself, "is the measure before us necessary, good for our district and our state, is this something my neighbors want, and is it allowed under the Constitution?" I always review your phone calls, emails, and letters before a vote to ensure that I continue to be in touch with your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

Our federal government was meant to protect the unalienable rights articulated in the Declaration of Independence. Thus, I will only support legislation that protects your constitutional rights and liberties and is allowed under the powers given to Congress under the Constitution. I also oppose legislation that is redundant, unnecessarily expands government control over our freedom, or increases the role of the federal government in your life.

In addition, I am committed to protecting your pocketbook. I will not support legislation that hurts the economy, slows job growth, raises taxes, or burdens the taxpayers of today or tomorrow with greater debt. Taxpayers deserve a federal government that is more efficient, less costly, and always transparent.

I am fiscally and socially conservative, and I believe that the federal government must be responsible to the people – not the other way around. Whether through my support for a balanced budget that pays down our national debt, ensuring a strong national defense, or giving people more control over their lives and their money, I am committed to shrinking the size of government to only what is necessary to assure your freedom and protect your rights.

# ABOUT THE 26TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

The 26th United States Congressional District of Texas is located in the heart of North Texas. The 26th District includes most of [Denton County](#) as well as large portions of [Tarrant County](#), and a sliver of [Dallas County](#).

- In Dallas County, I represent the city of [Irving](#).
- In Denton County, I represent the cities of [Argyle](#), [Aubrey](#), [Bartonville](#), [Copper Canyon](#), [Corinth](#), [Corral City](#), [Cross Roads](#), [Denton](#), [DISH](#), [Double Oak](#), [Flower Mound](#), [Frisco](#), [Hackberry](#), [Haslet](#), [Hickory Creek](#), [Highland Village](#), [Justin](#), [Krugerville](#), [Krum](#), [Lake Dallas](#), [Lakewood Village](#), [Lewisville](#), [Lincoln Park](#), [Little Elm](#), [Northlake](#), [Oak Point](#), [Pilot Point](#), [Ponder](#), [Roanoke](#), [Sanger](#), [Shady Shores](#), [The Colony](#), and [Trophy Club](#).
- In Tarrant County, I represent the cities of [Haltom City](#), [Haslet](#), [Keller](#), [North Richland Hills](#), [Watauga](#), [Westlake](#), and [Fort Worth](#).

The 26th United States Congressional District of Texas continues to flourish. Rapid growth and business expansions from Dallas and the Tarrant County area make the District a thriving economic center. [The University of North Texas](#), [Texas Woman's University](#), and [North Central Texas College](#) anchor a large student base within the District.

The 26th District is also home to the [Barnett Shale](#), the largest field of natural gas reserves in the country, which supports local economic development, jobs, and provides clean energy to the region and the country. Agriculture plays an important role in the 26th District. Ranchers raise horses, beef cattle, sheep and goats, while farmers grow corn, wheat, hay, and other crops. The impact of farming and ranching results in thousands of jobs and a contribution of hundreds of millions of dollars to the regional and statewide economies.

The 26th District is home to the [Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region VI Headquarters](#) in Denton, Texas, which provides assistance to a five-state region: Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana and New Mexico. Its mission is to reduce the loss of life and property, and to protect institutions through an emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. It is also home to the Denton Mobile Emergency Response Support Detachment.

Housing the I-35 East and West corridors, the 26th Congressional District is a vital artery for Texas and international transportation. The District houses both the Lakeview Airport, [Denton Municipal Airport](#), [Northwest Regional Airport](#), and [Alliance Airport](#). The 26th also sports the [Texas Motor Speedway](#), which hosts two Nextel-NASCAR events in the spring and fall.

Denton was named a runner-up for the award of one of the [Best Small Towns in America: 2012](#), in the category of "Most Fun".



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## SNAPSHOT OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

### Number of cases opened with various federal agencies:

- Veterans Affairs - 121
- Citizenship and Immigration Services - 109
- Social Security - 58
- Military - 55
- Housing - 41
- Medicare - 34
- Various other agencies - 67

### Constituent Correspondence:

- Over 54,000 pieces of correspondence received

### Other Services Provided:

- U.S. Capitol Tours Provided - 1,191 people
- Hosted 18 interns in my Washington, D.C. and Texas offices
- Assisted in having 86 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol

### Events and Meetings:

- Traveled over 3,700 miles in North Texas
- Held or attended over 400 events
- Held 5 town hall meetings, 2 telephone town hall meetings, 5 Health Care Roundtable and 3 Summits.

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constituent services and  
how my office can assist you.

## TOURS, INTERNSHIPS, AND ASSISTANCE

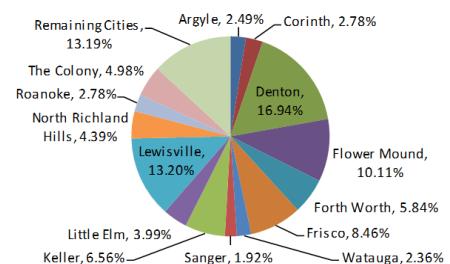
One of the most important things I do as your U.S. Representative is help you gain access to and information about the federal government. Although I cannot override the decisions made by a federal agency, I can often intervene on a person's behalf to answer questions, find solutions, or just cut through the red tape. Throughout 2013, 500 constituents from the district received assistance in the form of a congressional inquiry to address an issue or concern with a federal agency. Some of the more frequent topics I assisted with included benefits from the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, and mortgage issues. In addition, my office assisted 950 constituents with various non-legislative issues.

During 2013, over 1,191 people received a tour of the U.S. Capitol from a request that was made through my office. In addition, my office assisted in having 86 flags flown over the U.S. Capitol. My Washington, D.C. and Texas offices hosted 18 high school and college interns from such schools as the University of North Texas, Texas Christian Academy, University of Texas at Austin and Dallas, Texas Tech University, Coram Deo Academy (Flower Mound), The Colony High School, and Marcus High School (Flower Mound).

## CORRESPONDENCE WITH NORTH TEXANS

Since the beginning of 2013, over 54,000 North Texans have contacted me through email, letters, phone calls and faxes, to express their concerns and communicate their opinions to me over various topics and I have sent almost 57,000 pieces of correspondence follow up with constituents about their concerns.. Gun Rights was by far the most common topic of communication with over 7,400 pieces of correspondence received. That issue was followed by those expressing their concerns over immigration, with over 4,800 pieces of correspondence, and health care with over 4,000 pieces of correspondence.

### Top Cities for Correspondence



## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

In 2013, I traveled over 4,000 miles in North Texas. I held or attended over 400 events, including 17 Chamber of Commerce meetings, 182 health care related meetings and events, and 237 meetings that covered everything from transportation, the economy, energy, and education. Some events include: the Guyer HS State Football Championship, the Denton County Children's Health Summit, the National Prayer Breakfast, and the JFK Memorial Ceremony.

Over the course of the year I held 5 general [town hall meetings](#) across North Texas: Watauga, The Colony, Flower Mound, Denton and Haltom City. I also held 2 telephone town hall meetings, and 5 health care roundtables. In addition, I held 3 summits that brought leaders from the local, state and federal levels together to address key issues facing North Texans.

**Emergency Preparedness Summit:** The 5th Annual Emergency Preparedness Summit was held on April 27th at Byron Nelson High School in Roanoke. The keynote speakers were Mark Fox with the National Weather Service, T.D. Smyers, CEO for the American Red Cross North Texas Region, Tony Robinson, Region 6 Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Larry Mowry, Chief Meteorologist for CBS - 11. The event featured two panels of experts from local, state, and federal organizations and non-profits that provided information on weather and disaster preparedness. In addition, there was a large fair with indoor booths and outdoor exhibits where weather and disaster specific organizations presented and distributed pertinent consumer information. A highlight of the summit was the return appearance and demonstration of a canine team from the Search Dog Foundation, a national organization that partners rescued dogs with first responders to locate people buried alive in the wreckage of disasters.

**Energy Efficiency Summit:** The 7th Annual Energy Efficiency Summit was held on July 20th at the University of North Texas' Discovery Park in Denton. The state keynote speaker was Bryan Shaw, Chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and federal keynote speaker was Ron Curry, Region 6 Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The summit featured two panels: the first panel focused on ways to save energy in design and construction of buildings and houses, and the second panel discussed energy efficiency in mobility. There was also a fair with booths providing energy-related information and resources as well as indoor & outdoor displays featuring fuel efficient vehicles and solar powered competition cars. A highlight of the summit were tours of UNT's Zero Energy House/Lab.

**Transportation Summit:** The 11th annual Transportation Summit was co-hosted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and held on November 25th at the University of North Texas Apogee Stadium in Denton. The state keynote speaker was John Barton, TxDOT Deputy Executive Director, and the federal keynote was Representative Tom Petri (WI-6), Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Highways and Transit Transportation. Presenters included Michael Morris, Transportation Director at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Kevin Fisher with American Airlines, Steve Boeking with AllianceTexas, Aaron Hegeaman with BNSF Railway, and Dr. Terry Pohlen, Director of UNT's Center for Logistics Education and Research. The summit afforded federal, state and local transportation leaders the opportunity to discuss developments in transit policy and funding, the economic importance of freight and movement of goods, and the merger of American Airlines and US Airways.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

### 2013 Congressional Veteran Commendation

The Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) was created in 2005 to honor the distinguished living veterans of Texas' 26th Congressional District. [This year's commendations were presented at the 11th annual "Salute Our Veterans"](#) luncheon on November 12th, sponsored by the Highland Village Business Association and the City of Highland Village. Nominations were solicited from the public and those chosen to receive this year's Congressional Veteran Commendation are:

- Gilbert Brown (Sergeant - US Army) of Lewisville
- Jerry Galler (Storekeeper 3rd Class – US Navy) of Highland Village
- James Rosengren (Major – US Army) of Flower Mound

### U.S. Service Academies

On April 20th, I co-hosted the North Texas Academies Forum with 10 other congressional offices to inform high school students about the U.S. Service Academies. Over 600 students and parents attended. The 26th District Service Academy Board, chaired by Lt. General Charles R. Hamm, retired former Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy and 26th district resident, recommends for nomination qualified service academy candidates by conducting comprehensive screenings and personal interviews. At my Haltom City Town Hall meeting in May, [I recognized 23 students](#) residing in the 26th District of Texas who accepted appointments to the U.S. Service Academies resulting from the 2012 nomination process.

### 11th Annual High School Art Competition: "An Artistic Discovery"

In May, I honored all students participating in the [11th Annual High School Art Competition: "An Artistic Discovery"](#) during a reception at the Center for the Visual Arts in Denton hosted by the art competition's co-sponsor, The Greater Denton Arts Council. The juried competition was judged by professional artist and instructor Jo Williams.

Emily Cox, a sophomore at Lake Dallas High School, won Grand Prize in the competition with her chalk and charcoal painting entitled "Studious." Her artwork is displayed for an entire year in the U.S. Capitol. First place was awarded to Sarah Owens, Keller High School, and second place to Ha Eun Chang, Marcus High School (Flower Mound). Artwork was submitted digitally by art teachers on behalf of their students and the entries were posted on my website, providing an opportunity for the public to vote for their favorite. Katherine Choi, Marcus High School, won the "Texas Choice" award.



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# LEGISLATIVE WORK



## SNAPSHOT OF LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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- Participated in 56 Hearings in the Rules Committee.
- Participated in 17 markups in the Energy and Commerce Committee
- Cast 641 votes, 97.31% vote attendance record
- Co-sponsored 167 bills
- Member of the Helsinki Commission
- Participated in an Oversight and Government Affairs Field Hearing in Dallas
- Attended 7 Classified Briefings

## SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- H.R.594: Amends the Public Health Service Act to revise the muscular dystrophy research program of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Amends the Muscular Dystrophy Community Assistance, Research, and Education Amendments of 2001 to authorize the Secretary to: (1) update and disseminate widely existing Duchenne-Becker muscular dystrophy care considerations for pediatric patients, and (2) develop and disseminate widely Duchenne-Becker muscular dystrophy considerations for adult patients and acute care considerations for all muscular dystrophy populations.
- H.R.642: Amends the Public Health Service Act to state that provisions authorizing the appointment of special consultants or authorizing individual scientists to receive fellowships do not authorize the designation, appointment, or employment of any special consultant, fellow, or other employee by an agency outside of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- H.R.643: Amends the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to prohibit any federal or state requirement to increase energy efficient lighting in public buildings from requiring a hospital, school, day care center, mental health facility, or nursing home to install or utilize energy efficient lighting that contains mercury.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION CONTINUED**

- H.R.1040: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to authorize an individual or a person engaged in business activity to make an irrevocable election to be subject to a flat tax (in lieu of the existing income tax provisions) of 19% for the first two years after an election is made, and 17% thereafter.
- H.R.1083: Amends the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 to prohibit the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) from authorizing any person to operate an unmanned aircraft system (drone) in the national airspace system as a weapon or to deliver a weapon against a person or property.
- H.R.1220: Directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to: (1) permit the distribution, sale, and consumption in the United States of remaining inventories of CFC epinephrine inhalers manufactured pursuant to the exception for medical devices under the Clean Air Act; (2) not take any enforcement action or otherwise seek to restrict the distribution, sale, or consumption of such inhalers on the basis of any federal law implementing the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer; and (3) issue, in response to a request of any distributor or seller of such inhalers, a No Action Assurance Letter stating that the EPA will not initiate an enforcement action relating to the distribution or sale of any such inhaler occurring prior to August 1, 2013.
- H.R.1325: Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Benefits) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to extend the months of coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients. Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) to make eligible for enrollment in Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance), solely for the purpose of such drug coverage, every individual whose insurance benefits under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) have ended by reason of a kidney transplant or the end of any requirement for a regular course of dialysis.
- H.R.1326: Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to require state Medicaid plans to provide that the state will establish and maintain laws to require disclosure of information on hospital charges, to make such information available to the public, and to provide individuals with information about estimated out-of-pocket costs for health care services.
- H.R.1428: Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Benefits) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to extend the months of coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients. Amends SSA title XVIII (Medicare) to make eligible for enrollment in Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance), solely for the purpose of such drug coverage, every individual whose insurance benefits under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) have ended by reason of a kidney transplant or the end of any requirement for a regular course of dialysis.
- H.R.1469: Amends the Clean Air Act to revise the renewable fuel program, and amends the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to repeal provisions requiring EPA to report to Congress on current and future impacts of the renewable fuel requirements on environmental issues, resource conservation issues, and the growth and use of cultivated invasive or noxious plants and their impacts on the environment and agriculture.
- H.R.1618: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to increase from \$50,000 to \$375,000 the amount of employer-provided group term life insurance that an employee can exclude from gross income. Indexes the \$375,000 amount for inflation for taxable years beginning after 2013.
- H.R.1619: Authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds to aid in the funding of Alzheimer's research. Authorizes appropriations to the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for such research. Expresses the sense of Congress that any funds collected pursuant to this Act are in addition to yearly appropriated funds and are not to be used to supplement current funding.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION CONTINUED**

- H.R.1705: Allows rehabilitative authority provided for beneficiaries under the Department of Defense (DOD) TRICARE program (a DOD managed care program) to include therapeutic exercises or activities included in the authorized plan of care of the individual receiving such therapy. Allows such activities or exercises to further include therapies provided on a horse, balance board, ball, bolster, and bench.
- H.R.2663: Amends the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), upon a request by the chairman or ranking minority member of specified congressional committees, to determine if a proposed measure would result in reductions in budget outlays in budgetary outyears through the use of preventive health and preventive health services.
- H.R.2732: Amends the Internal Revenue Code to waive minimum distribution requirements for tax-exempt retirement plans for calendar years 2013 and 2014.
- H.R.2810: Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to: (1) repeal sustainable growth rate (SGR) methodology from the determination of annual conversion factors in the formula for payment for physicians' services; and (2) prescribe an update to the single conversion factor for 2014 through 2018, as well as 2019 all subsequent years, of 0.5%. Amends SSA title XVIII part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) to require payment for covered professional services furnished by an eligible professional under a specified Alternative Payment Model (APM) to be made under Medicare in accordance with the payment arrangement under such model. Directs the Secretary to establish a process to implement eligible APMs.
- H.R.3005: To amend chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to permit the sale of, and access to, "research use only" products in diagnostic tests.
- H.R.3396: To provide for the issuance of a Veterans Health Care Stamp.
- H.R. 3659: To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify policy with respect to collecting reimbursement from third party payers for medical assistance paid under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION AS LEAD REPUBLICAN**

- H.R.1915: Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to develop a multisite gestational diabetes research project within the diabetes program of the CDC to expand and enhance surveillance data and public health research on gestational diabetes.



# **SPONSORED LEGISLATION OFFERED AT RULES COMMITTEE**

- H.RES.175: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1549) to amend Public Law 111-148 to transfer fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2016 funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund to carry out the temporary high risk health insurance pool program for individuals with preexisting conditions, and to extend access to such program to such individuals who have had creditable coverage during the 6 months prior to application for coverage through such program.
- H.RES.215: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 45) to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and health care-related provisions in the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010.
- H.RES.288: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.
- H.RES.300: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2668) to delay the application of the individual health insurance mandate; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2667) to delay the application of the employer health insurance mandate.
- H.RES.315: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2218) to amend subtitle D of the Solid Waste Disposal Act to encourage recovery and beneficial use of coal combustion residuals and establish requirements for the proper management and disposal of coal combustion residuals that are protective of human health and the environment, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1582) to protect consumers by prohibiting the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating as final certain energy-related rules that are estimated to cost more than \$1 billion and will cause significant adverse effects to the economy.
- H.RES.339: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2775) to condition the provision of premium and cost-sharing subsidies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act upon a certification that a program to verify household income and other qualifications for such subsidies is operational.
- H.RES.413: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3350) to authorize health insurance issuers to continue to offer for sale current individual health insurance coverage in satisfaction of the minimum essential health insurance coverage requirement.
- H.RES.420: Sets forth the rule for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1900) to provide for the timely consideration of all licenses, permits, and approvals required under Federal law with respect to the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of any natural gas pipeline projects.

## **AMENDMENTS OFFERED IN COMMITTEE**

- I offered Manager Amendments to HR 2810 on 7/23 and 7/31 at both sub and full committee and they were accepted by voice vote.
- On June 20, along with Reps. Barbara Lee and Jan Schakowski, I offered an amendment during the Rules Committee Markup of the resolution to consider the FY14 National Defense Authorization Act which would require the Department of Defense to submit financial statement from the previous year which would be certified as auditable and meeting generally accepted accounting principles. The amendment was ultimately not made in order.

## **OFFERED AMENDMENTS ON THE HOUSE FLOOR**

- H.AMDT.280: Amendment sought to reduce funding for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (USEC) by \$48 million and to apply the savings to the Spending Reduction account. An amendment to reduce funds in the Defense Nuclear Non-proliferation account by \$48,000,000 and apply the savings to the Spending Reduction account. Failed by recorded vote: 114 - 308
- H.AMDT.281: Amendment sought to strike the language allowing the Secretary of Energy to make \$48 million available for the purpose of carrying out domestic uranium enrichment research, development, and demonstration activities. An amendment to strike language providing that the Secretary of Energy may make \$48,000,000 available for the purpose of carrying out domestic uranium enrichment research, development, and demonstration activities. Failed by recorded vote: 131 – 291.
- H.AMDT.285: Amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce provisions with respect to BPAR, BR and ER incandescent reflector lamps. An amendment numbered 17 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce section 430.32(x), with respect to light bulbs. Agreed to by voice vote.

## **SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT HAS ADVANCED**

- H.R. 1428: Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Benefits) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to extend the months of coverage of immunosuppressive drugs for kidney transplant patients. Legislative hearing was held by the Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health on June 28th 2013 entitled Examining Reforms to Improve the Medicare Part B Drug Program for Seniors. Dr. Melton testified on our legislation.
- HR 2810: was passed by the Subcommittee on Health on a voice vote on 7/23/2013 and on 7/31/2013: it passed the full committee 51 - 0.

## **SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT**

- On January 17, 2013, I joined a letter led by Congressman Christopher Smith and Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick with 43 other members to the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin. The signers are concerned that the recent Dima Yakovlev Law may be applied to American-Russian adoptions already in process in Russia. Many of the children potentially affected by the Yakovlev Law last saw their American adoptive parents just weeks or months ago and were left with the promise that their parents would be coming to take them home soon. The signers urge Putin to exempt them from the Yakovlev Law for those who have already initiated the adoption process.
- On January 23, 2013, I joined a letter led by Congressman Dan Benishek and Congressman Don Young with 78 other members to President Barak Obama concerning Second Amendment rights. The signers believe that Obama's proposals do not adequately recognize the voices of millions of law-abiding Americans who support the Second Amendment by protecting themselves and their families from crime. It is the signers expectation that the President will work with Members of Congress in pursing all of the Administration's proposals through the legislative process rather than by executive orders.
- On March 5, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy with 2 other members to the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Bob Perciasepe, concerning former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson's practice of using a secondary email account with an alias name to conduct official agency business. The signers seek fuller information concerning the extent of this practice by the former administrator and other EPA officials, and whether this practice will continue at the Agency going forward.

## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

- On March 8, 2013, I joined a letter led by Congressman Matt Salmon and Congressman Duncan Hunter 34 other members to the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Janet Napolitano, regarding the DHS's use of sequestration as a vehicle to further the Administration's disregard for enforcing the signers immigration laws. The signers are troubled by reports that the DHS has released hundreds of illegal immigrants, rather than finding cost savings elsewhere in the agency.
- On March 14, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Chairman Emeritus Joe Barton with 3 other members to 17 health insurance companies concerning the effects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) on health insurance premiums paid by American families. Since premium increases have occurred before the law's most costly requirements go into effect in 2014, the signers ask for information on the premiums American families can expect to pay beginning next year by March 29, 2013.
- On April 5, 2013, I joined a letter led by Congressman Frank LoBiondo and Congressman Rick Larsen with 220 other members to President Barak Obama expressing the signers strong opposition of a \$100 per flight fee on commercial and general aviation. This fee would inhibit job growth and weaken U.S. economic activity.
- On April 12, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy with 3 other members to the Director of the Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services, Kathleen Sebelius, concerning the roles of "Navigators" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). These Navigators would assist consumers in understanding their health insurance options, but questions regarding the Navigators' funding, roles, training, and hiring processes are still left unanswered.
- On April 19, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy with 3 other members to the Secretary of the Department of Energy (DOE), Steven Chu, regarding the \$528.7 million loan DOE issued to Fisker Automotive, Inc. in April 2010 under the Alternative Technology Vehicle Manufacturing (ATVM) program for the development of two lines of plug-in hybrid vehicles. The committee is concerned whether taxpayer interests have been prioritized in approval decisions or in subsequent negotiations with loan recipients and foreign investors.
- On May 13, 2013 I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy with 3 other members to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kathleen Sebelius, 12 other health insurance companies, H&R Block, and Enroll America regarding the solicitation of donations from private companies by the Secretary. According to a Washington Post article, over the past three months, the Secretary has made multiple phone calls to health industry executives, community organizations, and church groups asking to contribute whatever they can to non-profit groups that are working to enroll uninsured Americans and increase awareness of the law. Clarity regarding the Secretary's requests needs to be provided.
- On June 11, 2013, I led a letter with Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy and 2 other members to the Acting Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Daniel I. Werfel, regarding allegations on Courthouse News Service stating that the IRS illegally seized as many as 60 million medical records from a California Health provider. The Committee asks the IRS for a response on the allegations.

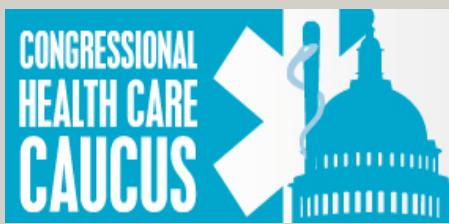
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## SAMPLE OF LETTERS SENT CONTINUED

- On July 3, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Subcommittee Chairman Tim Murphy with 7 other members to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Treasury, Jack Lew, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kathleen Sebelius, regarding the delay of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) requirements for health care coverage for employers with more than 50 employees. Documentation pertaining to this issue should be sent no later than July 17, 2013.
- On August 6, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton to several companies involved in the federal data hub and Michael E. Roach, the President and CEO of CGI, requesting a full description of the work and contract between CGI and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to build systems and databases that will handle the open enrollment and full implementation stages of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) in 2013 and 2014. Further, the letter requests a briefing no later than August 16, 2013 and documentation of various requests no later than August 19, 2013.
- On August 29, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton and Chairman Emeritus Joe Barton with 12 other members to Navigator grant recipients regarding the role Navigators will play in the enrollment of individuals in the health insurance exchanges under the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA). The signers request to schedule a briefing no later than September 13, 2013 to better understand the work as a Navigator and the consumer protections that will be in place before open enrollment on October 1, 2013. As well as, written answers/materials to the 6 questions provided no later than September 13, 2013.
- On September 3, 2013, I wrote a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder concerning The Department of Justice (DOJ) actions to block the merger of American Airlines and US Airways. This is an attempt by the administration to stifle business and free enterprise, and instead create over-regulation. The position of the DOJ is entirely incorrect because it will not violate any anti-trust laws, but instead create more choices for Americans at a lower cost. DOJ must rethink their position and let private companies do what is best in their own interest.
- On October 7, 2013, I joined a letter led by Chairman Fred Upton with 1e3 other members to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Kathleen Sebelius, concerning the federally facilitated marketplaces. The head of the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Gary Cohen, didn't give any indication of challenges in the marketplace to committee causing multiple states to not provide online enrollment on October 1st. The members ask for responses to their questions no later than October 18, 2013 to better understand the implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. As well as, to provide monthly updates until March 31, 2014 of the number of individuals enrolled and the performance of the federally facilitated marketplaces from HHS.



## CONGRESSIONAL HEALTH CARE CAUCUS



I founded the Congressional Health Caucus at the beginning of the 111th Congress. Through it I strive to educate Republican Members and staff on the issues surrounding health care policy, to equip them with resources for serving the American people, to prepare them to communicate effectively, to foster productive debate, and to receive input from those outside of Washington.

The Health Care Caucus frequently holds Member briefings covering a variety of topics, often featuring former Administration officials and think tank executives. Each of these briefings are off-the-record and allow Members to brainstorm new ideas and ask questions of other Members without the media present.

While the majority of the Caucus' activity occurs in Washington, DC, I do not want the message to end once it has reached the boundaries of the Beltway. I also traveled back to Texas and hosted several events with business owners and physicians. In addition, I hosted business roundtables with local business leaders to discuss their questions and concerns regarding the changes they will face under the Affordable Care Act. These events highlighted the complexity of the law and the detrimental side effects many provisions of the law can have.

In addition to our popular events, the Health Caucus is an indispensable resource to staffers, providing up-to-the-minute information on legislation or one-on-one assistance. Similarly, the Caucus' website has become a destination for tens of thousands of Americans seeking to learn more about health care policy and the debate inside the Beltway.

### **Member briefings:**

Former Speaker, Newt Gingrich: 1/22/13  
Chairman Paul Ryan: 2/27/13  
Professor Doug Holtz-Eakin: 3/19/13  
Dr. Ben Carson: 7/17/13

### **Doctor briefings:**

Dr. Mark McClellan  
Governor Michael Leavitt  
Author Avik Roy  
Former Speaker, Newt Gingrich

During the month of August, I hosted health care roundtables throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth metro area. These health care roundtables bring together health care providers, hospital administrators, policy makers, local government leaders, and business leaders in the community to discuss the effects of the Affordable Care Act and allow attendees to express concerns and ask questions.

- THR/Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance Forum

Following my presentation at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Alliance, executives of Premier asked me to lead a smaller roundtable discussion on specific areas of health care policy. I communicated way to solve the way Medicare pays physicians and discussed the outlook for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014.

- Lewisville/Flower Mound/Denton Chamber and Highland Village Business Association Breakfast Roundtable

At this roundtable I was joined by Mr. Ross Carmichael from Higgenbotham, a business insurance and compliance firm in Texas. Mr. Carmichael provided a thorough overview of the complex regulations in the Affordable Care Act and informed the small businesses of the various consequences of noncompliance with the law. I presented my perspective on the larger implications of the implementation of the health care law. I also discussed my solutions for health care reform that would have the same adverse consequences as the ACA.

### **Other events hosted in Texas:**

THR/Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Denton Roundtable  
Northwest Metroport Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Forum

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# MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS



## SNAPSHOT OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 1,302 newspaper articles or blogs mentions published
  - 661 on health care
  - 70 on economy, jobs, and spending
  - 30 on energy and the environment
- 8 columns and letters to the editor published
- 48 press releases issued
- 49 e-newsletters sent
- 120 YouTube videos posted
- 49 weekly video addresses published
- 66 newspaper and magazine interviews
- 107 radio interviews
  - 37 local stations
  - 73 nationally syndicated shows
- 70 television interviews
  - 19 on local stations
  - 9 on Fox Business
  - 10 on Fox News
  - 9 on MSNBC
  - 2 on CNBC
  - 6 on CNN

## COLUMNS AND LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AUTHORED

- [Adding Millions to Medicaid system isn't the solution](#) March 6, 2013
- [Death Is Much Less Complicated Than The U.S. Tax Code](#) April 15, 2013
- [A Rx for Disaster: A Physician's Diagnosis of the "Affordable Care Act"](#) July 1, 2013
- [Rep. Michael Burgess: Amnesty-first bill bad for USA](#) July 2, 2013
- [Obamacare's Implementation Threatens A Golden Age For The Healing Arts](#) October 6, 2013
- [Blame for Health Care Law Failure Lies With Cohen](#) November 11, 2013
- [Genomics opens a bright new world](#) November 19, 2013
- [Medicare Part D is just good medicine](#) December 18, 2013

# REPUBLICAN WEEKLY ADDRESS

This year, I had the privilege of being asked to deliver the Republican Weekly Address:

- [Republican Weekly Address November 23, 2013](#)



## PRESS RELEASES

In 2013, I sent out 48 Press Releases, below are a few that were sent.

- [Burgess Statement on Senate Immigration Reform Proposal](#) January 29, 2013
- [Burgess Names Service Academy Board and Nominees](#) January 30, 2013
- [Burgess Statement on State of the Union Address](#) February 12, 2013
- [Burgess Statement on American Airlines Merger](#) February 15, 2013
- [Burgess, Gibson Introduce No Armed Drones Legislation](#) March 14, 2013
- [Burgess, Kind Introduce Legislation to Protect Kidney Transplant Recipients](#) March 21, 2013
- [Burgess Wants Pause On The EPA's Ethanol Waiver](#) April 11, 2013
- [Burgess, Engel Introduce Gestational Diabetes Act of 2013](#) May 10, 2013
- [Burgess Discusses the Effects of the Affordable Care Act on Small Businesses](#) June 27, 2013
- [Burgess Opening Statement On Sustainable Growth Rate](#) July 22, 2013
- [DocFix' Passes Unanimously in Energy and Commerce Committee](#) July 31, 2013
- [Congressman Burgess' Statement on Justice Department Interference in the American Airlines Merger](#) August 21, 2013
- [Congressman Burgess' Statement on Syrian Military Intervention](#) September 6, 2013
- [Congressman Burgess' Statement on the Benghazi Investigation](#) September 11, 2013
- [Congressman Burgess' Statement on Co-sponsoring the Graves Bill](#) September 17, 2013
- [ACA Implementation Failures: Answers from HHS](#) October 30, 2013
- [Oversight Hearing on the Security of HealthCare.gov](#) November 19, 2013
- [Burgess Applauds American Airlines Merger as "One Step Closer"](#) November 27, 2013

Want to watch all the committee statements, floor statements, and television appearances?

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# WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESS

- [The Fiscal Cliff](#) January 3, 2013
- [Health Care Law Means More Taxes](#) January 18, 2013
- [The Rules Committee](#) January 25, 2013
- [Oversight and Investigations in the 113th Congress](#) February 8, 2013
- [The State of Our Union](#) February 15, 2013
- [American Heart Month](#) February 22, 2013
- [Sequestration](#) March 1, 2013
- [Patient Safety](#) March 8, 2013
- [We Need a Balanced Budget](#) March 15, 2013
- [No Armed Drones Act](#) March 24, 2013
- [Protecting Kidney Transplant Recipients](#) March 20, 2013
- [Health Care Price Transparency](#) April 5, 2013
- [The Flat Tax](#) April 12, 2013
- [Tragedies Among Us](#) April 19, 2013



- [Alzheimer's Research](#) April 26, 2013
- [Natural Disaster Preparedness](#) May 2, 2013
- [Benghazi- We Still Don't Have Answers](#) May 10, 2013
- [Holding the IRS Accountable](#) May 17, 2013
- [A Memorial Day Reflection](#) May 24, 2013
- [Motorcycle Awareness Month](#) May 31, 2013

- [Update on Afghanistan](#) June 7, 2013
- [IRS Oversight](#) June 14, 2013
- [Rising Health Costs](#) June 20, 2013
- [American Jobs Protection Act](#) June 28, 2013
- [Farm Bill](#) July 5, 2013
- [Delays in the Affordable Care Act](#) July 12, 2013
- [Sustainable Growth Rate Formula](#) July 26, 2013
- [Senate Immigration Bill](#) August 7, 2013
- [Healthcare Roundtables](#) August 9, 2013
- [Synopsis of Denton Town Hall](#) August 16, 2013

# WEEKLY VIDEO ADDRESS CONTINUED

- [Concerns for Obamacare](#) August 22, 2013
- [No Syrian Involvement](#) September 6, 2013
- [Response to Syrian Crisis](#) September 13, 2013
- [Defund Obamacare](#) September 20, 2013
- [#StandWithCruz](#) September 27, 2013
- [Government Funding](#) October 1, 2013



- [Washington Update](#) October 11, 2013
- [Last Night's Vote](#) October 17, 2013
- [Healthcare.gov Issues](#) October 25, 2013
- [ACA Premiums](#) November 1, 2013
- [Honoring Our Veterans](#) November 8, 2013
- [Keep Your Health Care Plan](#) November 15, 2013
- [My Health Care Solutions](#) November 22, 2013

- [Happy Thanksgiving](#) November 28, 2013
- [Interstate 35E](#) December 6, 2013
- [Health Care Debacle](#) December 13, 2013
- [Year End Accomplishments](#) December 20, 2013
- [Merry Christmas](#) December 25, 2013



## AWARDS RECEIVED

I am honored to have been awarded credentials from organizations and groups for the common-sense and pro-growth work I do on behalf of North Texas. A few of the awards I received this year include:

America's Essential Hospitals "Essential Physician Leader Award"; American Optometric Association's Health Care Leadership Award; Health Care '50 Most Influential Physician Executives' Award; American Conservative Union Rating Certificate; National Association of Health Underwriters 'Spirit of Independence Award'; and the National Down Syndrome Society 'Superhero Award'.

# COMMITTEE AND FLOOR STATEMENTS

Here are some of the committee and floor statements I made this year.

- [Influenza Perspective on Current Season and Update on Preparedness](#) February 23, 2013
- [Rate Shock and the President's Takeover of Health Care](#) March 13, 2013
- [The "Half-Baked" Federal Health Exchange](#) March 18, 2013
- [The Health Care Law Three Years Later](#) March 21, 2013
- [Helping Sick Americans Now](#) April 23, 2013
- [Visit to West, Texas](#) May 6, 2013
- [Secretary Sebelius Continues to Violate Congressional Authority](#) May 15, 2013
- [Amnesty Is Not the Solution](#) June 6, 2013
- [Speaking in Favor of Withdrawal from Afghanistan](#) June 6, 2013
- [Enroll America](#) June 17, 2013
- [The President's Health Care](#) July 8, 2013
- [Questions for the Treasury Department](#) July 19, 2013
- [Who's in Charge of the Affordable Care Act](#) August 7, 2013
- [History of Defunding](#) September 9, 2013



- [Will the Health Care Exchanges Be Ready?](#) September 11, 2013
- [The Truth About the ACA](#) September 19, 2013
- [More ACA Delay](#) September 28, 2013
- [The White House Built Sloppy IT Architecture](#) October 7, 2013
- [ACA Website Glitches](#) October 14, 2013
- [Sebelius Hearing](#) October 29, 2015
- [Unfinished ACA Website](#) November 20, 2013
- [Health Care Reform](#) December 2, 2013



## TELEVISION APPEARANCES

Here are a few of the 70 television interviews that I gave this year:

- [CNBC: Latest on the Fiscal Cliff](#) January 1, 2013
- [CNBC: The Fiscal Cliff and Debt Ceiling](#) January 11, 2013
- [Fox News: Lisa Jackson Leaves the EPA](#) January 16, 2013
- [Fox News: How the Affordable Care Act Impacts Health Care](#) – January 18, 2013
- [CNN: Immigration Reform](#) February 19, 2013
- [Fox Business: Health Care Law Will Increase Premiums](#) – March 28, 2013
- [MSNBC: Syria and the NRA](#) May 4, 2013
- [MSNBC: IRS Targets Conservative Groups](#) May 13, 2013
- [Fox Business: The Looming Premium Rate Shock](#) May 14, 2013
- [CNN: US House Abortion Bill](#) July 22, 2013
- [Fox Business: Medicare Payment Reform](#) August 1, 2013
- [CBS11: Washington Update](#) August 12, 2013
- [WFAA Inside Texas Politics: Obamacare and Illegal Immigration](#) September 1, 2013
- [MSNBC: Crisis in Syria](#) September 1, 2013



- [KXAS: Syrian Involvement](#) September 3, 2013
  - [CNBC: Syrian Crisis](#) September 3, 2013
  - [Fox Business: Effects of ACA on Doctors](#) September 26, 2013
  - [MSNBC: Defunding Obamacare](#) September 28, 2013
  - [Fox News: The Budget Showdown](#) September 28, 2013
  - [Fox Business: ACA Implementation](#) October 1, 2013
  - [MSNBC: ACA Failures](#) November 17, 2013
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- [FOX Business: Why Was ACA Website Commissioned?](#) November 19, 2013
  - [Fox News: Prescription Drug Costs](#) December 5, 2013
  - [Fox 4 Dallas: Affordable Care Act](#) December 9, 2013

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