



THE DAVIS DOCKET

Dear 7th District Constituent,

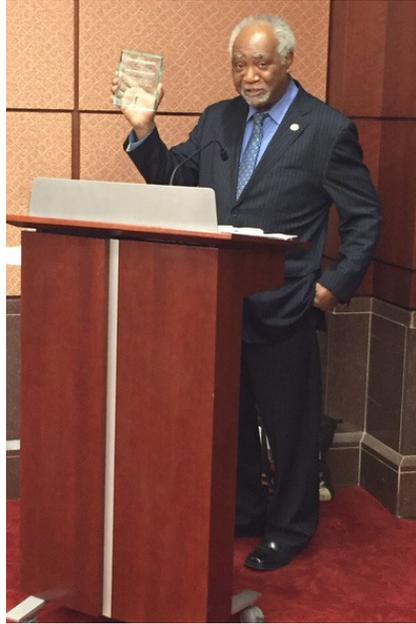
As we enter the month of February, there are many reasons for us to be optimistic. The President has laid out his Budget Proposal that stresses the importance of middle class economics and directly addresses the livelihood of many Americans. February is also the month we commemorate the history and great achievements of African Americans. It shows that we have come a long way as a nation and it is crucial, while moving forward, that we do not forget to appreciate what we have succeeded.

The Week in Washington.....

Early in January, the President addressed the State of the Union and I could not agree more with the President. Like the President, I am of the opinion that we cannot put security of American families at risk by jeopardizing their access to healthcare, education, or occupation. The national discussion has to move forward and Congress needs to take action to adopt tax reforms, put more emphasis on necessary public investments such as education, infrastructure, research and health. I work tirelessly to ensure that we are on the right path and will continue to do so on your behalf.

I advocate legislations that further advance access to education of our young people.

I introduced a legislation that address work colleges and will ensure that current tax protections will continue for students attending colleges that require students to participate in a comprehensive work-learning-service program as an integral part of the institution's education program. A good example of a work college is Blackburn College in our home state of Illinois. Moreover, I recognize that the best education starts at home where children can learn their first essential skills from most trusted circle of parents and relatives. Recently, I received an award from Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPPY) for my continuous support on early childhood education. I very much appreciate this recognition and feel honored to be able to serve you.



***Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) presented the award
for my support in early education and young families***

After the Presidents' Day recess, I expect that Congress will take up the bills around the reauthorization of Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which is long overdue. Education is one of my priority areas where I hope we can find bipartisan support to advance a fair and equitable education in our country. In the past weeks, I have the opportunity to meet with many of you who paid a visit to my office to address your concern and seek my support. I highly appreciate your eagerness and interests.

On Energy and Environmental issues, ***I voted no on the passage of the bill on Keystone XL Pipeline.*** The bill will trample our system of law by creating a special exemption for one favored project and foreign company from all of the federal protections including the mitigation of avoidable environmental harm. Congress should be working on legislative to support clean energy economy, improve our domestic energy security, and combat climate change.

Early February, Congress voted on ***H.R. 596 to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.*** Unfortunately, it is another attempt to roll back and ***strip away altogether the right to a health insurance of millions and I strongly opposed it.***



A visit by Dr. Augsburger and Dr. Brandys of Illinois Eye Institute, one of the nation's largest providers of vision and eye care services

Sitting on the Committee on Ways and Means, the issue of tax reforms is directly under our jurisdiction. I advocate fiscal responsibility. At the same time, I cannot accept policies that will only adhere to the requests of influential corporations and neglect the needs of many poor and needy citizens. Recently, the majority party has taken up the agenda to authorize many tax breaks which would cost taxpayer \$93 billion and only add to the deficits of our nation but lack of long-term benefits for hardworking Americans. ***I oppose this pick-and-choose approach and voted no to the H.R. 644 and H.R. 636. I do not support passing unpaid for, permanent, and piecemeal tax breaks while the needs of other vulnerable citizens go unmet.*** I will stand strongly with my democratic colleagues to ensure that we speak on your behalf.

As many of you, I share with you the concern that our country needs a comprehensive immigration reform and we should not disregard the progress on the existing reform efforts. Based on this rationale my colleagues and I in the Democratic Party have urged the majority on the other side of the aisle to pass the clean bill to extend ***the funding of our Department of Homeland Security***. The deadline of funding is February 27. With the political impasse in the way, our national security and borders are threatened. Congress will have to get its act together and I look forward to working closely across the party line to avert the shutdown. It has always been our message that the funding of DHS is not a subject of political bickering and we do not want to undermine the security of millions of Americans by engaging in partisan politics. This is one of the issues that will likely come up after the Presidents' Day.



Town Hall Forum with distinguished speakers at Howard University

Last but not least, let us be inspired by the achievements of African Americans in shaping the course of our history and of the world. The Town Hall Forum at Howard University is part of the event to commemorate our national history. “The State of African American Male” was a success in highlighting the achievement of African Americans as well as raising the awareness of the public on issues of discrimination and criminal justice in our society. More work needs to be done and as your representative, I will keep up my commitment.

Your feedback is welcome and I am more than happy to hear more of your ideas on what we can do.

Sincerely,

Danny K. Davis