



## THE DAVIS DOCKET

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Dear 7<sup>th</sup> District Constituent,

Congress is back in session this week and passed its first 100 days. Before we go into details of which issues Congress has been working on this week, I would like to inform you that I introduced a legislation earlier this week to designate the fourth week in April as **Every Kid Healthy Week**. I would like to support the work of leading coalitions engaged in child and school health across United States and bring to national attention the importance of keeping our kids fit and healthy.

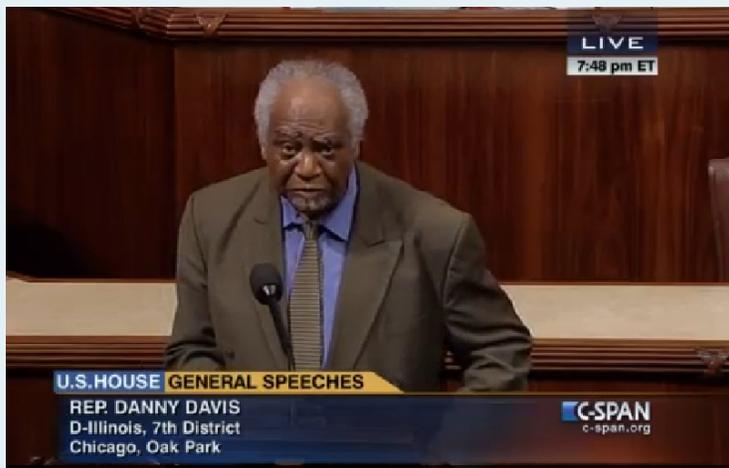
April is also our Tax Day as you are aware of. It is once again the time of the year that highlight the state of our tax code. This Congress has done as little as nothing to show any sincere attempt to move forward a comprehensive tax reform debate. I can only reassure you that my colleagues and I will continue to hold the Majority accountable to the progress of our nation.

### This Week in Washington....

At the beginning of the week, I used the time on the floor to speak on the 50th Anniversary of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). ESEA plays a fundamental role in protecting the rights and educational opportunity of students living in poverty, students of color, students learning English, and students with disabilities. In the last 50 years, we have made great progress, but tremendous work remains and Congress should not undermine what we have achieved.

Moreover, April is our National Minority Health Awareness month. I joined my colleagues of the Congressional Black Caucus to raise the issue of disparity of minority communities in the United States. Recent statistics show that African Americans in particular are significantly lag behind the majority white population. The tremendous disparities of ethnic minorities in terms of economic well-being, employment, education, and healthcare require Congress action to bring forth the needed improvement.

*“Health disparity among ethnic minorities is pervasive”*



*“I remain committed to serve the 7th District of Illinois in this new Congress”*

### Top issues of the week

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Healthcare access of the ethnic minorities, African Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, is our pernicious problem. These groups of population tend to disproportionately suffer from limited access to healthcare. The result is that millions of ethnic minorities Americans are lack access to reliable and quality healthcare. They have poorer health and they have a higher rate to die prematurely from preventable causes. We have seen a significant improvement to healthcare access through the Affordable Care Act which gives 16.4 million low and moderate income of Americans quality healthcare. We save money and we save lives through making healthcare more affordable. While we know that disparities are great, the progress is greater.

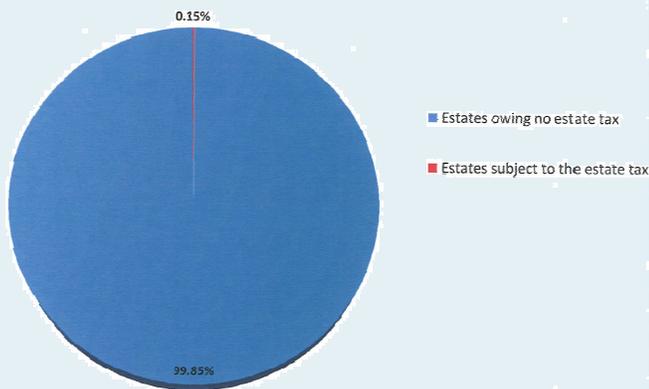


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***“H.R. 1105—This bill is fiscally irresponsible and reflects misplaced of priorities for our nation”***



*H.R. 1105 will provide tax cuts for roughly 5,400 wealthiest families or about 0.15 per cent of estates in America and would add \$269*

H.R. 1105 on Estate Tax Repeal as well as H.R. 622 are another example the Majority is taking the pick and choose strategy on tax extender bills and drive our country in another direction than a comprehensive tax reform . H.R. 1105 will give \$4 million tax break to 5,400 of the wealthiest families in America each year. The Estate tax is part of the deal during the fiscal cliff in 2013 that both parties have agreed to set the regulation at the level as it is today. With the move, we will have \$269 billion more deficit. Repealing the Estate tax would mean that the wealthiest families will get the most of this benefit and other hardworking families are left with no improvement. I do not support this unfair treatment and neglect the big question how can we help more Americans to get ahead.

One hundred days have passed for this 114th Congress. We can try to reflect upon what the Republican-led 114th Congress has done so far. It has been the hundred days of partisan politics. Only a handful of bipartisan bills passed the House. With regard to our nation’s fiscal problem, the House majority disseminates the false message advocating for fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction. The Majority’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2016 is ill-conceived and unworkable. It pretends to be a balance budget by hiding the specifics behind approximately \$1.1 trillion cuts that will affect millions of Americans. The fiscal irresponsibility continues with the tax extender bills which will add another \$584 billion unpaid for deficit to our nation debt. It is the hundred days of political gimmicks and I can only assure you that my colleagues and I will continue to hold the Majority accountable to our nation.



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Snapshot of the week...





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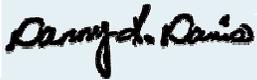
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### What next...

Congress will be working on appropriations and budget in the coming weeks and we expect it to be a long debate. The House is following the development of the Senate closely which will vote on trade promotion authority, Iran, as well as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. If you would like to know my position on these bills or share with me your concern on any particular issues, please call my office in Chicago or Washington DC.

As always, your comments are important and valuable to help me improving our District. I am more than happy to hear more of your ideas on what we can do.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny K. Davis".

*Questions or concerns, please contact us via 773-533-7520 or 202-225-5006*