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Dear 7th District Constituent,

Every time I meet some of you, whether it is in Washington DC or in Chicago, I like sharing with you the ideas of how we can improve the well-being of all Americans and how to get our economy running for the benefits of hardworking families. I never forget how the old days have taught me to appreciate every little success but still keep aiming to achieve more. Politics is my passion and I am proud and very honored to represent your voice here in the Federal Government. I am happy to learn more of any issue of your concern, and I will try my best to make that unheard message vocal here in DC.



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

This Week in Washington....

As the balance of this week, Congress debated two legislations to address cybersecurity. One is [H.R. 1560 – Protecting Cyber Networks Act](#) and the other is [H.R. 1731 – National Cybersecurity Protection Advancement Act](#). Despite the good underlying objective of the bills to improve information sharing among private entities and between them and the federal government, both bills do not have strong language or mechanism that will critically address the privacy issue. To me, the bills do not guarantee the protection of personal information from the surveillance by government authorities and the statutory language is too ambiguous to provide a comprehensive privacy reform.

Another issue that has dominated the agenda of both House and Senate this week is the debate on the Trade Promotion Authority. (TPA). Trade has long been anticipated to come up in this Congress. It is one of the issues that both parties in Congress are passionate about and this week lengthy debate during the Committee markup has proved that there are discrepancies between what we Democrats would like to see and the version of the bill that has been introduced by the Majority.

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Sickle Cell Awareness: “More research is needed in improving effective treatment and prevention”



Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders which affects an estimated 100,000 individuals in the United States and millions globally. More than 2.5 million Americans have the Sickle Cell Trait (SCT), including 1 in 12 African Americans. The average life span of an adult with SCD is 45 years. In the past Congress has authorized the Sickle Cell Treatment Act which supports research and outreach. I would like to see the continuing support to this good cause and advocate for more awareness and education about this disease. A bill [H.R. 1807 Sickle Cell Disease Research, Surveillance, Prevention, and Treatment Act](#) that I recently introduced will promote strong research to the cause, treatment and prevention which I believe would not only save lives, but also the dramatic health care costs.



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What exactly is the Trade Promotion Authority ?

As an active Member on the Committee on Ways and Means, I join other the Democratic Members in the discussion of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA). The TPA or sometimes called "fast track," defines how Congress has chosen to exercise its constitutional authority over a particular aspect of trade policy, while affording the President added leverage to negotiate trade agreements by giving trading partners assurance that final agreements can receive consideration by Congress in a timely manner and without amendments. TPA expired as of July 1, 2007. On July 30, 2013, President Obama requested that Congress reauthorize TPA and the current debate in this 114th Congress is on H.R. 1890 whether and how to grant the President the authority he needs.

From this point of view, I am not convinced that the new TPA the administration is proposing represent our best interest for the American people. Trade liberalization has to come with accountability and transparency. I do not support the ongoing secretive approach of the negotiation that the public do not have access to and the rights to decide for themselves. Since the debate is of critical importance, I encourage you to learn more about the Trade Promotion Authority and the current status of the trade deal negotiations, the Transpacific Partnership (TPP), as well as the Transatlantic Partnership (TTIP) in order to be able to voice your concern. If you wish to learn more of any specific topics in this area, my staffs are happy to assist you so please let us know.

What next....

As trade is one prominent area of interest for us all, I am certain that the debate on H.R. 1890 will continue. Further, Congress will likely debate on appropriations. Appropriation is the process when Congress will agree on the level funding provided for different federal government agencies throughout the fiscal year. The debate will concentrate on the message that the Majority is cutting our national spending that will go to programs necessary to help American families and workers get ahead. If you have any specific concerns, please do not hesitate to share with us.

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,

