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Dear 7th District Constituent,

July is one of the busiest months in Washington. It has been less than two weeks and Congress has made substantial progress on a number of major legislations. We expect to have more fruitful conversation for the next two weeks before August recess.

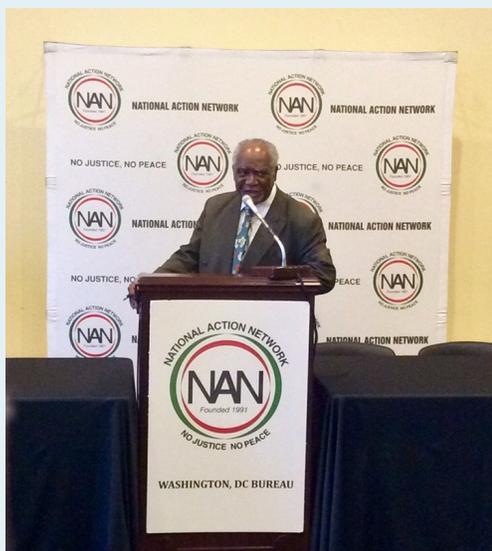
This Week in Washington....

The Majority passed the delayed reform of **H.R. 5 - [Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#)** with a small margin 218-213. I stood with many of my democratic colleagues that we should reform the system but not to defund valuable programs that increase accountability and access to education of many young children. I suspect that we will go into a conference with the Senate version of the bill and I hope we will achieve a better result than what we have in the original House passed bill.

Congress also passed a landmark legislation on health care, the **H.R. 6— [21st Century Cures Act](#)** which will provide funding for National Institute of Health, Center for Disease Control, and FDA. I support more funding to health research, this will not only strengthen medical innovation but will also spur economic growth in our healthcare sector. The bill passed in bipartisan manner with 344-77.

I mentioned the debate on **Highway Funding** the last time. Now that we are approaching the end of July, the House recently passed a short-term stopgap to extend the funding to the end of December 2015. We all realize that we cannot do the short-term fix over and over again, I look forward to working with the Majority in finding a better solution to one of the crucial investments of our nation.

“Responsible fatherhood contributes to the success and well-being of the family “



I gave a brief remarks at National Action Network in support of their mission to fight for justice, civil rights, and equality.

Earlier last week, I introduced a bill that will promote upward mobility of parents, in particular of fathers. Many studies show that supportive and involved father strengthens a child’s emotional, physical, intellectual, and behavioral development. However, low-income fathers face many challenges to contributing financially and emotionally to their children. I think it is time we recognize the role of fathers and do more to promote healthy families. [H.R. 3005—Julia Carson Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Families Act of 2015](#), will reform Temporary Assistance for Needy Family (TANF) to assist low-income families in finding employment and training, enhance fatherhood and healthy marriage grant, as well as modernize child support enforcement program.



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

Top issues of the week

[Highway and Transportation Funding Act of 2015](#)

[ESEA Reauthorization](#)

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“Criminal Justice reform is a national agenda”



A very constructive talk with Ms. Rice-Minus, Justice Fellowship, on criminal justice reform.

This week, prior to his trip to Oklahoma City, where he visited the Federal Correctional Institution in El Reno, the President gave a speech at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). His speech called out for the improvement in our justice system and he recognized the need for long-overdue reforms. I am with him and I am hopeful that now that the issue has received national attention, Congress can pass some legislations to address the reforms this year. I have friends on both sides of the aisle who are in favor of the reforms. On legislation, I see the reauthorization of the Second Chance Act, as one crucial contribution to assist local enforcement authorities as well as the communities on successful reentry. If you have direct experience participating or working under this scheme, please feel free to share your story with me.

Snapshot of the Week



Student Leaders from my district visited my DC office with Close-Up foundation.



Young women in Running Start’s Young Women’s Political Leadership Program (YWPL) advocating for empowerment of women in politics.



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Had a very pleasant meet and greet with a group of youth from Universal Peace Federation.



Meeting with the Alliance of Retirees.

What next....

One of issues that will continue to dominate the discourse in Washington DC is the Iran Agreement. As your Representative, I will look into the details of the agreement carefully and thoughtfully. Having said that, I am in favor of force or war as the last resort. I believe in strong defense, and the creative demonstration of power. However, I also believe in diplomacy and peace. It is Congress who has to act and hold the Administration accountable. I will work constructively and responsibly in the best interest of America.

Please let me know how can we improve our service. Your feedback on our performance is important. Do you find it helpful when you contact my offices? Were you able to get assistance you requested for? Please share with me your thoughts and comments. Visit my [website](#), leave me a message on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), call me at the office, and please feel free to visit me in my offices. You are always very welcome.

Most Sincerely,

