



## THE DAVIS DOCKET

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

I hope you all had a good 4th of July. The celebration of our national independence is the time that we all remind ourselves of the history of our great nation and the achievements that our forefathers have fought for us. Over the course of two centuries that we stand together as a country, we have countless times withstood enemies, catastrophes, and obstacles. United States is one of the richest and most innovative nation of this century, and we have our brave ancestors to thank for. Let us continue this path to make America great for generations to come.



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

### This Week in Washington....

It was a historic success to all liberals with the Supreme Court’s decision on same-sex marriage and the Affordable Care Act. The whole nation was in euphoria, regardless of where they are geographically. The two rulings are meaningful to me as they reaffirm our progress as a nation that upholds the principle of individual rights and the equality. The ruling on the ACA is a vital sign and a win for millions of Americans who more than deserve the quality access to healthcare.

On the legislative front, Congress, both chambers, eventually passed the trade package which gives the President the leverage to negotiate the trade deal with other countries in the transpacific partnership as well as guarantee funding for programs that would aid workers at home in difficult times. Many colleagues in the democratic party who are strong opponents of the TPA agreed with me that as the last resort, when TPA has passed, we do not want to have it signed into law without any important mechanism that will safeguard our workers. TAA passed the house with 286-138.

#### Top issues of the week

[Trade Act of 2015](#)

[ESEA Reauthorization](#)

[21st Century Cures Act](#)

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

[Child Poverty Reduction Act](#)

[Adoption Tax Credit Refundability](#)

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### “Reentry is a critical issue that we often overlook “



“I was invited to brief the Judiciary Committee on the principal and integrity of the Second Chance Act.”.

Since 2008 state programs and law enforcement authorities have benefited from the federal investments dedicated to aid reentry programs for ex-offenders. Every year we have thousands of returned citizens. From experience in my congressional district, the chance of recidivism is reduced substantially when the returned citizens are engaged in the meaningful employment, education, and communities. Often that we would rather like is that fact that the released individuals lack necessary support to ease the transition to the community and the chance of recommitting crimes increase with the growing socio-economic challenges. I hope therefore, that Congress will continue to reauthorize such programs so that we can give these individuals the second chance they deserve.



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***“Early childhood education plays a large role in determining the success of a child”***



*Students and their parents from District 7 Illinois meet and greet time in my office.*

Our society will be strong if we have stronger families. We have to see families as the first institution of a child, and the more we do to assist the families in child care and education, the less it will likely cost us in the long-term. With my background in teaching and early childhood development, I strongly advocate for a better outcome for both mothers, children, and families. A child’s well-being depends largely on his/her family background and support from parents. Therefore, I am working on a number of legislations that will address the well-being of families by improving their access to care, alter regulations that will assist fathers to be with children longer, and expanding the tax credit to young parents. If you have any further suggestions or legislative ideas how we can improve your livelihood, please share with us.

Snapshot of the Week



*Young advocates for early childhood education*



*Meeting with Pancreatic Cancer Action Network*



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*With Adia Ivey, our winner of the Art Competition this year and her mother in Washington DC.*



*A visit by Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin (R) and the group from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.*

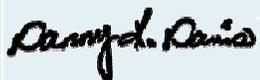
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**What next....**

This coming week, we expect two big pieces of legislation. One is the ESEA reauthorization, and another is the [21st Century Cures Act](#). As you may remember, H.R. 5 on education was on the floor earlier this year, but the bill was questioned by many Republicans and as a result was pulled out of the floor before it got the vote. Now that the issue returns to the debate, I will strongly stand with you on reforming for the greater quality education of our children and teachers.

As Congress is approaching August recess, I would like to hear your feedback on our performance. Do you find it helpful when you contact my offices? Were you able to get assistance you requested for? What else are we missing? Please share with me your thoughts and comments. You can contact me by calling my offices, filling out forms on my [website](#), leave me a message on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or feel free to visit me in my offices.

Most Sincerely,



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