



## THE DAVIS DOCKET

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

In this issue, I would like to update you on my standpoint with regard to trade and the recent debate in Washington. This trade deal will only benefit the large corporations and jeopardize thousands jobs at home. I thank you for your phone calls and messages in recent days, it encourages me to continuing this path and to make our district better.

Before moving on, I would like to introduce you to the latest application you can download on your iPhone or iPad, the [WHIP Watch](#). It is the most recent and most comprehensive tool to follow Congress. You will get real-time updates on floor activities, legislations, and recent videos from the Democratic Whip office. Let me know if you need any assistance and feel free to share feedbacks.



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

### This Week in Washington....

**Trade Act of 2015**—H.R. 1314 is a comprehensive legislation that is made up of two parts, one is the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), and the other is the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). Last week, TPA passed in the House on a margin of few votes, and the TAA failed. Despite the lack of support, the Majority twisted the rule and brought up TPA again for votes this week. *I repeatedly oppose the bill.* It is a clear message from me and my colleagues from both side of the aisles how sceptic we are with the trade deal the administration is pursuing.

**The Highway Trust Fund** is extended for another 60 days. Short-term patches to extend the fund is not a sustainable solution. Infrastructure is a critical issue that urgently needs a real and long-term fix. We do not want to hamper economic growth or our competitiveness, and we certainly do not want to see collapsing roads or bridges. Congress is tasked with the responsibility to provide assurance to American citizens that their businesses, jobs, their transit, will still be viable and safe. I am looking forward to working with the Majority to find an agreeable forward strategy to our diminishing highway funds.

*"I am a strong supporter of the second chance."*



With Ron Moten, a DC activist, another vocal voice on criminal justice and second chance at an event to discuss "Returned Citizens Matter".

The **Second Chance Act** as signed into law in 2007 has been an important source of federal support to reentry programs. In order to prevent recidivism, we have to invest more effort in preparing the 600,000 individuals who come out of incarceration each year to be integrated into the community again. They are all like us, they want to work, want to study, want to have a future, and I do not see why shall we not treat them equally as citizens. Inspired by the success of many who benefit from the second chance reentry programs, I will continue to advocate for continued support and funding from Congress.

#### Top issues of the week

[Trade Act of 2015](#)

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

[USA Freedom Act](#)

[ESEA Reauthorization](#)

[Child Poverty Reduction Act](#)

[Adoption Tax Credit Refundability](#)

[#TaxBreaks4Students](#)

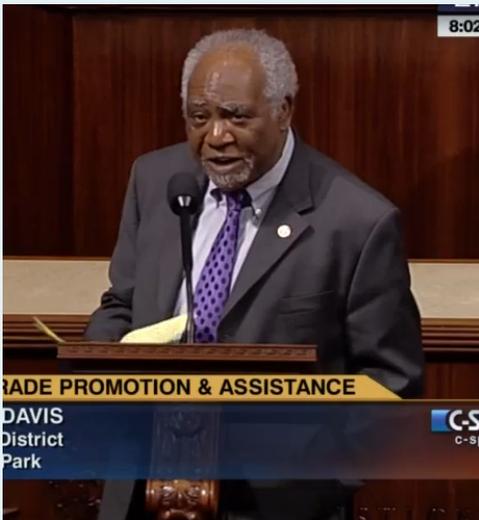
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***“It is time to stop talking about child poverty and start down the road to alleviating this plague “***

Last month, I introduced a bill to cut child poverty in half in ten years. The bill, [H.R. 2408 –Child Poverty Reduction Act of 2015](#), will establish a Federal Interagency Working Group on Reducing Child Poverty with a target to reduce within 10 years the number of children living in extreme poverty in the United States to zero. Children and their livelihood is the issue at my heart, and I believe that our rich nation can afford an ambitious goal that will eliminate child poverty.

Related to children, I support restoring the refundability of the adoption tax credit. My colleague, Representative Black, introduced [H.R. 2434–Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act](#), to make the tax credit for adoption expenses refundable. We know that every child deserves a home, and with this small amount of tax credit, the children will have a higher chance to be adopted. In particular, this tax credit will support many adoptive families who care for children with special needs.

*“I want a trade bill that creates jobs and economic opportunity for the communities that I represent”.*

Snapshot of the Week



*High School children from Illinois visited my office and had a Q&A learning session with my staffs as part of the program of the Close-Up Foundation.*



*“School lunch can be healthy and delicious” That is the message these children from Marshall High School in Chicago have proven. They came first in the state-wide Cooking Up Change competition.*



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*With International Association of Exhibitions and Events. Chicago is the top location for international travelers and exhibitors alike and we want to keep our city growing.*



*Discussed the advantages of having dietetics and nutritionists in the care process for diabetes patients.*

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**What next....**

The Export-Import Bank helps many small/medium businesses as well as entrepreneurial companies to compete in the global market. The reauthorization of the Bank is due the end of this month, we can expect to see more debate piling up around the issue in the coming weeks. As previously mentioned, to fund the national infrastructure and transportation routes is at high stake and I believe Congress will do everything to find a more viable solution.

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,

