



THE DAVIS DOCKET

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Dear 7th District Constituent,

As your Congressman, I proudly serve you both in Washington DC and in Chicago. My work focuses on your priorities, let it be education, health, welfare, or national security. I advocate on your behalf and I devote myself to the betterment of our district as well as this country. I like sharing with visitors and constituents that we ought to remain optimistic. Despite the gridlock and partisan debate in Washington, we manage to agree on the ground that we all would like to do our best for our people.

This Week in Washington....

Congress passed many non-controversial bills related to health care this week. My colleagues from the other side of the aisle and I both agree to extend our support to legislations that will improve the lives of American people. For you, as a citizen who is interested in the work of the federal government and would like to exercise an oversight, I highly recommend you to visit the website www.congress.gov to learn more of legislations of your interest. If you need help understanding the functions of the website, please feel free to reach out to my office.

“Black boys dropout because they don’t see teachers like them “



At the roundtable discussion on Reversing the school-to-prison-pipeline for African Americans and Minorities.

The faster our national economy grows, the higher is the disparity in our communities. I do not only address the issue of wealth distribution, but also the issue at the fundamental level like opportunity. People often do not have the same opportunity especially African Americans. Many African Americans and Minorities are more likely to be incarcerated as many statistics show. How to reverse this? The beginning of this week I joined an event by Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to exactly discuss the school to prison pipeline and the policy solutions. I believe, Congress can do something to address the issue. One area to my heart is education. I acknowledge that education is a critical investment for the future and every young people deserves to have access to education. I am also of the opinion that education is the key to reverse the school to prison pipeline and to create an inclusive growth.



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

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Many of you are already aware of the fact that our nation is the most incarcerated nation in the world. We have so many young people locked up, sometimes unduly and unnecessary long. I am advocating on behalf of the incarcerated young people that they deserve the second chance. The Second Chance Act of 2008 has been one important vehicle in reducing recidivism as well as open up new opportunities for those people. The bill has provided critical investment in prisoner reentry programs working to reduce high recidivism rates and support communities. Approximately 600,000 individuals returning home each year. I therefore strongly support the continued funding of the Second Chance Act.

Snapshot of the week...



This picture is taken with the National Community Health Center. They paid a visit to my DC office and presented me an award for my longstanding support to Community Health Centers. Thank you!



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People from TRIO Program Illinois. Your work helps young people to be successful in college.



With Illinois Corn Growers Association.



A visit by the former Chicago Bears Antonio Holmes, Jr. who advocates for funding for Sickle Cell Disease research .



With Chicago Urban League, our strong supporter of civil rights and African Americans.



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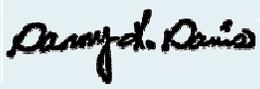
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What next...

This week is the official start of spring. My office is gearing up for the busy spring season of the national capital. As a constituent in my district, you may request a tour to the Capitol as well as to the White House. Please visit my website and fill out the [request form](#) prior to your visit, my staffs will try their best to accommodate your request. If you do visit Washington, please do not hesitate to stop by and visit my office, we keep our door open for you.

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,



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