



THE DAVIS DOCKET

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Dear 7th District Constituent,

As we approach the Memorial Day, I wish to express my deep gratitude to those who have fallen to defend our nation. I urge you to pay tribute to our brave men and women, whose selflessness and services has kept our country prosperous and safe. It is the responsibility of every one of us to continue the effort to fulfill the promises we have made to our veterans and together try to uphold the ideals of our country. Together, we can make America stronger and better.



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

This Week in Washington...

This month Congress is facing another important deadline. The Highway Trust Fund is expiring on May 31, and the Majority has had enough time in this Congress but has not acted until this week to find a viable solution to fund our infrastructure projects and keep our roads safe. With the [Highway Trust Fund](#) sets to expire in the middle of construction season, jobs across the country are being put at risk. The decision to extend the Highway trust fund for another sixty days, until July 31, will buy us time for a long-term reauthorization. I am looking forward to working with the Majority and is hoping to reach a fair deal to continuing this crucial investment that will keep America growing.

Privacy is another contentious issue that is in national attention. This month, the House passed a bill the so-called [USA Freedom Act](#), to address the protection of privacy and the collection of data for counterterrorism purpose. The Majority said the bill strikes a balance between both objectives with critical reforms to protect privacy rights. My standpoint is strong on the protection of privacy. I therefore wish to see a stronger reform and more responsible provisions that does not compromise our rights.

“School environment must be as inclusive as possible”



A conversation with 8th Graders from Wendell Green Elementary School in Chicago.

I am sure you all know by now that I am truly passionate about education. I spent my earlier years working as a public school teacher and there is nothing more I value than seeing young children evolve through learning and their achievements is my greatest prize. Even now serving in Congress, I still enjoy meeting with schoolchildren and students. I very much like hearing their concerns or obstacles that hinder them from being fully integrated in education system or delay them from having a proper education. Because I believe education is one of the best tool one can give to every young people to accomplish their goals and advance their career, I work wholeheartedly to make education inclusive and accessible as possible.

Top issues of the week

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

[USA Freedom Act](#)

[Trade Priorities and Accountability Act](#)

[ESEA Reauthorization](#)

[Every Kid Healthy Week](#)

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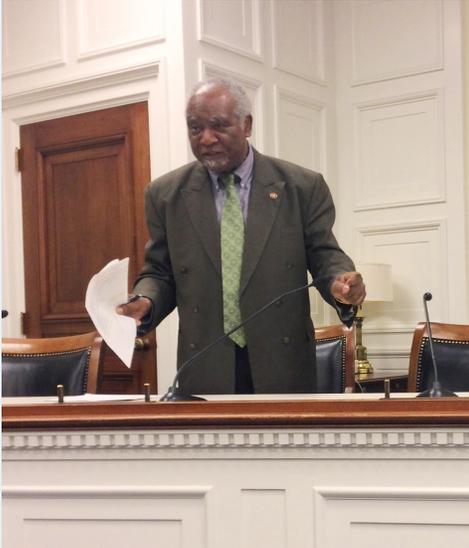


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“Postsecondary correctional education and training are greatly needed”



Earlier this week, I joined my colleagues to introduce a legislation that will allow federal and states prisoners to be eligible for Pell Grants. [H.R. 2521— Restoring Education and Learning \(REAL\) Act](#) is led by Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (MD-4), me and other 15 Representatives. If you can recall, prior to 1995, prisoners who were not sentenced to death or life without parole could apply for Pell Grants. I believe that the investment in correctional education to this group of population is much needed and evidence has shown that it is greatly effective in preventing recidivism among ex-offenders. Everybody deserves a second chance and expanding and restoring Pell is a common-sense federal investment that dramatically increases successful reentry and builds stronger communities and families. The investment will save taxpayers money that go into incarceration and bring greater return to the communities.

I joined the Dignity in Schools Campaign in addressing the fairness in schools for every children at their event on the Hill.

What next....

This month Congress has already passed many appropriations bills for the upcoming fiscal year 2016. Next month, the Majority in the House signifies their readiness to move trade and I believe that the reauthorization of Export-Import Bank will also occupy the floor. If you would like to know my position on these bills or share with me your concern on any particular issues, please call my office in Chicago or Washington DC.

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,

