

## Focusing on Florida's Families

AN ISSUES UPDATE FROM  
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

# BILL POSEY



Rep. Posey discusses issues of particular concern to families in the 15th District.

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Dear Friend,

Many families are struggling today. They are facing not only the ordinary challenges of daily life – balancing home and work, caring for children or aging parents - but also serious family budget challenges posed by a downturn in the economy and the difficulties this poses for making ends meet.

Getting America moving again is a priority. In the year that I have been in Washington, I have observed a real disconnect between the struggles around the dinner table, the priorities I hear from those living along Florida's east coast and the legislation being considered in Washington. Now is not the time to be raising taxes on small businesses, which are responsible for creating 65% of all new jobs in America. Now is not the time to impose new energy taxes that further tax the family budget.

Please take a few minutes to review the information in this update. I also would appreciate your feedback, as I am your Representative and your feedback is important to me. In addition to the attached survey, please visit my website for a more extensive survey on issues topping the Congressional agenda next year.

Sincerely,



Bill Posey

### Other Initiatives Co-Sponsored By Rep. Posey

- **Combating Alzheimer's Disease and Assisting Caregivers** – Supported passage of the reauthorization of the Alzheimer's Disease patient alert program and is supportive of expanding respite care assistance to family caregivers.
- **Johanna's Law** has played a key role in fostering early diagnosis and treatment of gynecological cancers. Co-sponsored legislation to continue Johanna's Law.

## Principles on Health Care Reform

- **Do No Harm** – Let Americans keep the coverage they have if they want it.
- **Make Insurance More Affordable** – Refundable tax credits of \$2,500 per individual and \$5,500 per family should be part of any plan.
- **Increase Competition & Help Small Businesses Find Affordable Coverage** – Current law that restricts competition must be repealed and new steps taken to encourage small business association health plans and across-state purchases, making coverage more affordable.
- **Guarantee Choices** – Washington must resist the temptation to design a one-size-fits-all plan.
- **Address Pre-Existing Condition Exclusions** – Making insurance affordable for those with pre-existing conditions is a priority.
- **Do Not Increase The National Debt** – Health care reform should be realistically affordable and not add to our children's \$12 trillion debt.

### Rep. Posey welcomes your thoughts on issues that affect you!

Should Congress do the following? ("Y" for YES/"N" for NO)

Balance the Federal Budget

Cut Federal Spending

Cut Federal Taxes

Enact National Energy Tax

Create a Government Health Care Option

Increase Federal Education Spending

Stop Illegal Immigration/Secure the Border

Protect Traditional Moral Values

Extend Unemployment Insurance and COBRA Health Benefits

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# A POSEY PRIORITY: WORKING FOR FAMILIES

## Making Our Communities Safer/Fighting Crime

- **Fighting for Missing and Exploited Children** – As a member of the Congressional Caucus for Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children, Rep. Posey is working to protect our children from predators.
- **COPS Program** – Voted to provide additional resources to state and local law enforcement officials so they have the tools they need to fight crime in our local communities.
- **Protecting Children From Child Predators** – Co-sponsored the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act and the Jessica Lunsford Address Verification Act. These bills ensure that states enforce sex offender registration requirements, monitor and know the whereabouts of past offenders, and provide grants to combat child predators.
- **Deporting Criminal Aliens** – H.R. 2406 ensures that non-citizens are deported immediately rather than released back into our communities.
- **Combating Domestic Violence** – As a co-sponsor of H.Res. 817, which passed the House on October 26, Rep. Posey joined his colleagues in raising awareness about domestic violence and the resources available to help.
- **Stopping International Sex Trafficking** – Co-sponsored H.R. 2737 requiring the Secretary of State to cooperate with foreign countries to target those criminals who are trafficking in children and exploiting them.
- **Protecting Children on the Internet** – Supported passage of H.R. 780 which will help students protect themselves from online predators and inappropriate material; and promote parental involvement in their children's Internet use.

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## Getting Our Economy Moving /Creating Jobs

*“Every dollar that Washington spends comes out of someone's pocket. Too many politicians in Washington have forgotten that. They incorrectly think it is Washington's money.”*

– Rep. Posey

- **Meeting the Needs of the Unemployed** – Supported extending unemployment benefits until our economy recovers.
- **Getting Small Businesses Going Again** – Reducing taxes for small businesses will free up money for expanding, buying new equipment, and hiring new employees.
- **Supporting Real Stimulus** – Supported alternative stimulus bill that would have created twice the number of jobs at half the cost.
- **Fighting White-Collar Crimes** – Introduced legislation (H.R. 3783) to direct a larger share of the Securities and Exchange Commission budget to fighting securities fraud.
- **Restoring Our Home Values and Real Estate Market** – Co-sponsored legislation to continue the Home Buyer Tax Credit that has increased home purchases.

- **Ending Credit Card Abuses** – Voted to end abusive “gotcha” practices of credit card companies.
- **Stopping Washington's Wasteful Spending** – Spending must be targeted toward proposals that get our economy going while protecting our children from excessive new debt.

## Reforming Washington

- **Single-Issue Legislation** – Introduced H.Res. 819 to end the practice of adding unrelated legislation to other bills.
- **Mandatory 72-Hour Minimum Legislative Review Period** – Introduced H.Res. 689 to require that all legislation be made public for at least 72 hours before Congressional debate can begin.
- **Public Disclosure of All Votes** – Amended the Committee Rules to require that committee votes be posted on the Internet within 48 hours.
- **Congress Does NOT Deserve a Pay Raise** – One of the first bills Rep. Posey co-sponsored as a new Member was H.R. 156 to stop the 2010 pay raise for Congress. He also thought it was wrong to accept a 2009 pay raise and returned the money to the U.S. Treasury.



*Rep. Posey discusses family issues with constituents following a recent town hall meeting.*

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