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## A Legislative Update from **U.S. Rep. Bill Posey** for Florida's 15th District Residents

Dear 15th District Neighbor,

I welcome this opportunity to update you on recent actions in Washington.

I have deep concerns over many aspects of the legislative agenda that has been moving through Congress and the adverse impact these policies (i.e., cap and trade/national energy tax, health care mandates, bailouts for "too big to fail" institutions, and trillions of dollars in deficit spending) will have on us and future generations of Americans.

In my view, Washington needs to focus on creating a better environment for creating jobs, raising families, and living out the American Dream. Sadly, Washington has gone in the opposite direction, pushing through thousand-page bills spending trillions of dollars without allowing Members of Congress and the public adequate time to read and understand the proposals before the voting. At the same time, we have seen the national debt climb dramatically from \$8.7 trillion in 2007 to nearly \$13.2 trillion today.

As we face the challenges of getting our economy going again and seeing Americans return to work, I will continue to be guided by the principles that have made America the great nation that it is - individual liberty, economic freedom, transparency, and accountability. I hope that you will continue to communicate with me, sharing your views and ideas through your letters, emails and your participation in town hall meetings and telephone town hall conferences.

Finally, I hope you will join me in remembering in your prayers our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. It is a great honor and privilege to represent you in the Congress.

Sincerely, **Bill**



Representative Posey listens to the concerns of local seniors

**Please let Rep. Posey know what you think!**

- Congress should:** (T for YES or N for NO)
- \_\_\_ Cut spending to balance the budget
  - \_\_\_ Reduce taxes to balance the budget
  - \_\_\_ Raise taxes to balance the budget
  - \_\_\_ Reduce taxes on businesses to create jobs.
  - \_\_\_ Increase spending to create jobs.
  - \_\_\_ Repeal the recently enacted health care law.
  - \_\_\_ Reject the \$1 trillion Cap and Trade/National Energy Tax.
  - \_\_\_ Pass amnesty legislation for illegal immigrants.
  - \_\_\_ Make border security a higher priority.

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- I would like to opt in to participate in future telephone town hall meetings.
- Please provide phone number (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_
- I would like to be added to the list to receive periodic e-newsletters.

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For additional information about the Posey-sponsored legislation  
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# Security for Seniors

## Rep. Posey introduces "The Senior Citizens Income Security Act of 2010"

Most seniors have spent their entire lives working and paying into a system that guaranteed certain benefits at retirement age. But over time, some in Washington have come to see these benefits as just another means to support more wasteful spending and bloated bureaucracies.

To preserve these hard-earned benefits, Rep. Posey introduced The Senior Citizens Income Security Act of 2010, which will enable seniors to have a more secure retirement by:

- **Repealing the 1993 Clinton-era tax increase on Social Security benefits.** *Earned benefits should not be taxed twice, and too many seniors are forced to pay this double taxation.*
- **Eliminating Social Security payroll taxes for Social Security recipients.** *Seniors who are still working to make ends meet should not be forced to pay Social Security taxes while receiving Social Security benefits.*
- **Creating a new \$250 exemption (\$500/couple) to eliminate burdensome tax paperwork for limited amounts of income from savings accounts, dividends, or capital gains.** *Earning \$250 in interest*

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*"Dear Congressman,  
Your bill corrects  
some past wrongs  
and deflects some  
serious future harm  
against seniors, by  
defending the income  
and benefits they've  
earned over a lifetime  
of working hard and  
playing by the rules."*

*Jim Martin  
Chairman, The 60  
Plus Association*

*on a Certificate of Deposit, a savings account, or even a stock dividend should not force you to seek out assistance in filing your taxes.*

- **Eliminating the requirement that seniors begin mandatory withdrawals from IRAs at age 70½.** *This change will remove from seniors the unfair burden that forces them to begin withdrawals from retirement accounts in the aftermath of significant market losses.*
- **Making Medicare more solvent by allowing seniors to continue receiving their earned Social Security benefits if they choose not to enroll in Medicare Part A.** *Forcing the wealthy to sign up for Medicare benefits they don't want or need makes no sense.*

## Rep. Posey's Seniors Checklist

- ✓ **Restore Fiscal Responsibility** - Rejected Congressional pay raise and reduced office budget, saving the taxpayers nearly \$100,000.
- ✓ **Oppose Medicare Cuts** - Voted against \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare included in the health care reform bill (H.R. 3590).
- ✓ **Restore Medicare Funding** - Cosponsored legislation (H.R. 4972) to repeal the \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare that were included in the health care reform bill.
- ✓ **Block Social Security Payments to Illegal Immigrants** - Cosponsored legislation (H.R. 2287).
- ✓ **Fight Higher Energy Bills** - Voted against the massive cap and trade/national energy tax legislation (H.R. 2454).
- ✓ **Preserve Seniors' Access to Providers** - Voted to secure seniors' access to physicians by providing a longer-term solution to the flawed physicians payment system (Roll Call Vote 908).
- ✓ **Ensure Seniors Have Medicare Choices** - Voted to protect the rights of millions of seniors to enroll in Medicare Advantage health plans (Roll Call Vote 165).
- ✓ **Protect Social Security and Medicare by Balancing the Federal Budget** - Rep. Posey cosponsored the Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA, H.J. Res 1) to protect the long-term solvency of both Medicare and Social Security.
- ✓ **Make America's Streets Safer** - Cosponsored legislation (H.R. 2406) making it easier to deport criminal aliens and another bill (H.R. 2083) to secure our borders.
- ✓ **Repeal Medicare Cuts Authority Granted to Unaccountable Group** - Cosponsored legislation (H.R. 4985). Included in the President's new health care law is a provision that gives an unelected panel unprecedented authority to eliminate Medicare benefits.
- ✓ **Expand Medicare Beneficiaries' Access to Supplies** - Cosponsored H.R. 5235 to ensure that seniors have access to diabetes supplies from a broad range of suppliers.