

# A Report to Constituents

*from U.S. Representative Bill Posey*

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Florida. Our community is home to beautiful beaches, one of the most diverse lagoons in America, the Kennedy Space Center and many leading high-tech and aerospace companies. There is much that we are blessed with on the Space and Treasure Coasts.

It is an honor to serve as your Member of Congress, and our entire staff welcomes the opportunity to assist you in any way possible. Our very experienced staff is able to serve you with issues that you may have with federal agencies, including Medicare, Social Security and Veterans Affairs. We have been able to intervene and help resolve specific issues with federal agencies for several thousand constituents. Information about additional constituent services that we offer and how to contact our Florida and DC offices is provided in this Report.

As your Representative, I value your input and views on issues that are considered in the Congress, and I welcome your communications. Since coming to Congress in 2009, our office has responded to over 410,000 letters and e-mails from constituents, and I have benefitted greatly by hearing from those I am privileged to serve.

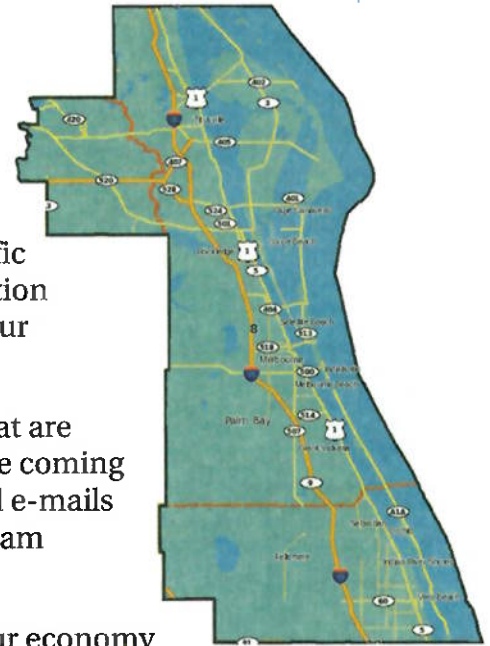
Washington is dealing with many serious challenges related to our economy and the direction of our nation. My top priority has been and remains getting our economy moving again and putting Americans back to work. I have included some of my thoughts on these issues. But more importantly, I want to hear from you. Please complete and return the attached survey card to share your thoughts and concerns about the latest issues on the Congressional agenda. Be sure to include your e-mail address so that we can communicate in a more timely and cost-effective manner in the future.

You can also visit [www.posey.house.gov](http://www.posey.house.gov) and fill out an online survey or e-mail me directly. Please keep this Report handy, and do not hesitate to call, write or e-mail if we can be of assistance. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,



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# POSEY'S GOALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

## KEEPING AMERICA PROSPEROUS AND SAFE

- Supporting our current military service members and honoring America's commitment to our veterans.

## CREATING JOBS AND GROWING THE ECONOMY

- Stopping new expensive over-regulation of small businesses.
- Creating an environment for private-sector jobs that are real and sustainable.
- Rejecting policies that make America less competitive.
- Helping local entrepreneurs bring their inventions to market.
- Reforming policies so businesses have access to capital for job creation.



Rep. Posey talks about the issues before Congress with residents of Port St. John.

## MEETING LOCAL NEEDS

- Creating a business-friendly environment.
- Advocating policies that promote Florida's #1 industry – tourism.
- Making sure Florida's growers and ranchers have the resources they need to be successful.
- Securing funding to help protect and restore the Indian River Lagoon and our beaches.

## BALANCING THE BUDGET

- Co-sponsor of the Constitutional Amendment to require a Balanced Budget.
- Voted against the sequestration process and instead support selective spending reductions that target wasteful, duplicative, outdated and lower-priority programs.
- Authored legislation to require separate votes on unrelated spending measures.
- Working to make federal programs more accountable and efficient.

## PROTECTING THE FAMILY BUDGET

- Protecting the family budget by voting against the \$2 trillion carbon/national energy tax.
- Signed into Law: Introduced and passed bipartisan legislation to protect your property and life insurance policies from being used to bail out Wall Street Banks.
- Voting for legislation that lowers the cost of gasoline and electricity.

## KEEPING AMERICA FIRST IN SPACE

- Signed into Law: Passed signature legislation to promote U.S. commercial space ventures and streamline the regulatory process overseeing U.S. commercial space launches.
- Signed into Law: Passed legislation to allow the Department of Defense to work with commercial space companies when beneficial to taxpayers.
- Supported record funding levels for commercial space and other key space programs on the Space Coast.



*“If I can’t read the legislation, my vote is NO.”*

## Addressing Our Lagoon’s Health is a Top Priority

Raising my family along the Lagoon and working in local real estate for many years has helped me to appreciate the importance of our Lagoon for our quality of life, for tourism and the economy, and for our property values. Collaborative efforts by individuals and local, state and federal governments are essential in restoring our Lagoon’s health. On the federal level, I have worked with colleagues in Congress to advance bipartisan legislation that will improve the health of the Lagoon.



- ✓ **Reauthorizing the National Estuary Program:** The House and Senate have passed legislation to reauthorize the National Estuary Program which includes my bipartisan plan to reprioritize existing federal funds so more money is available for estuaries with critical needs like our Lagoon.
- ✓ **Ten Mile Creek:** Washington’s bureaucracy has delayed bringing online the Ten Mile Creek Preserve Restoration Project. Congress stepped in to advance this project, which will treat storm water run-off before it reaches the Lagoon. Our bipartisan plan empowers local authorities to take over this project to prevent further delays. This proposal was recently signed into law.
- ✓ **Fighting Algal Blooms:** Experts still have many questions about the root causes of algal blooms and how to fight them. I worked to get bipartisan algal bloom research legislation through the House and to the President’s desk. The bill reauthorized research grants to look at the prevention, causes, and mitigation of algal blooms like the ones in our Lagoon.
- ✓ **Marine Mammal Research & Rescue:** It’s common to read about stranded wildlife along the Lagoon, and time is short to rescue these creatures. That’s why every year I have successfully fought to restore proposed funding cuts for the Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Program which matches local funding for stranded marine mammal response.
- ✓ **Repairing the Herbert Hoover Dike:** Heavy storm events often cause Lake Okeechobee – and its nutrient-laden discharge water – to overflow into surrounding rivers and eventually into our Lagoon. I recently cosponsored bipartisan legislation (H.R.4667) to expedite repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike to help alleviate further discharges.
- ✓ **Everglades Restoration Support:** Redirecting Lake Okeechobee’s overflow away from the Lagoon will help improve its health while also naturally filtering this water. I have cosponsored bipartisan legislation authorizing the Central Everglades Planning Project, and I voted to fund the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan which will move this project forward and support our Lagoon.

## Rep. Posey’s Personal Accountability Checklist

Rep. Posey believes that he should lead by example, and here’s how he’s doing it:

- ✓ Voted to block Congressional pay increases for 2010 to 2015
- ✓ Has returned the pay raise every year (that was approved before Rep. Posey came to Congress in 2009). Also returned full pay for service during federal government shutdown
- ✓ Introduced legislation requiring at least 72 hours for the public and Congress to review bills before a House floor vote can take place (Adopted as Three-Day Rule Reform, 2011)
- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the STOCK Act to ensure that Members of Congress don’t trade stock based on insider information (P.L. 112-105)
- ✓ Filed an amendment to stop sweetheart investment deals that enable Members of Congress to participate in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) not available to the general public (H.R. 3606)
- ✓ Cut his own office budget by more than \$650,000 while in office
- ✓ Proposed ending the Congressional death gratuity so that Members of Congress are required to purchase their own life insurance rather than getting a taxpayer handout when they die (H.R. 3127)
- ✓ Introduced bipartisan legislation banning Members of Congress from lobbying for 5 years after leaving office (H.R. 318) and to eliminate their federal benefits if they choose to lobby (H.R. 319)
- ✓ Voted to cut Congressional pensions (H.R. 3630)





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## Congressman Posey and His Staff Stand Ready to Assist You



**Cut Through Government Red Tape.** If you experience a problem dealing with a federal agency such as Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, the Veterans Administration or any other, your Congressman can help.

**Answer Questions** relating to public policy or legislation.

**Obtain U.S. Flags** flown over the Capitol building.

**Provide Passes/Tours of the Capitol** and other information for Washington, D.C. visits.

*"Thank you for your time and effort intervening on my behalf for reinstating my dependency and indemnity compensation. This was done in a timely manner and is greatly appreciated." – Vero Beach Constituent*

*"I want to thank you and your staff for your help with the problem I had in getting information on my recent filing for Social Security benefits." – Cocoa Constituent*

*"Mere words of thanks to you hardly express my deep gratitude to you and your staff in helping obtain back-pay for my daughter, who is 100% disabled from the Navy." – Titusville Constituent*

**Assist Eligible Grant Seekers** in finding information on federal grants.

**Offer Internship Programs** in our Florida and Washington offices for college students.

**Make Nominations To Military Academies.** Posey accepts applications from college-bound students interested in appointments to the Service academies (Army, Navy, Air Force and Merchant Marine).