

Legislative Update to Constituents

*from U.S. Representative Bill Posey
Florida's 8th District*

House Approves Rep. Posey's Transparency Legislation



Rep. Posey discusses his transparency amendment on the floor of the U.S. House.

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation which included Rep. Posey's amendment to add more transparency to the federal rulemaking process by requiring timely public disclosure of peer reviews of scientific information used to justify proposed regulations.

In the past some federal agencies have acted to silence or hide peer reviews from the public when they return unfavorable analysis of agency research. Rep. Posey's amendment will require agencies to issue a timeline for disclosure of this scientific information and also will require agencies to offer an explanation if they revise the anticipated public release date of relevant studies or peer reviews. Posey said we cannot continue to allow federal agencies to cherry pick information to satisfy a political agenda at the expense of sound science and policy.

New Congressional Caucus Focuses on National Estuaries



A new bipartisan Congressional Caucus founded by Rep. Posey will help give our nation's 28 national estuaries, including our Indian River Lagoon, a stronger voice in Congress. Last year the House passed and the President signed into law Rep. Posey's legislation to enhance the National Estuary Program and create a competitive grant program that will make additional funding available to national estuaries with urgent needs. Rep. Posey also worked to get bipartisan legislation through the House and signed into law that authorizes \$20 million a year for algal bloom research.

Bill to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Signed into Law

Bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Posey to recognize and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon landing with a Commemorative Coin was signed into law recently. July 20, 2019 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission Moon landing.

The Apollo 11 Coin will celebrate not only the innovative spirit that defined the Apollo program but also the estimated 400,000 Americans across the country who contributed to its success. Proceeds from the Coin will support college scholarships for students pursuing science, technology, engineering or mathematics degrees, educational initiatives that promote space exploration, the Astronauts Memorial, and the National Air and Space Museum's new "Destination Moon" exhibit – all at no cost to taxpayers.



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REP. POSEY'S AGENDA: Creating Jobs, Protecting America and Holding Washington Accountable

CREATING JOBS & GROWING THE ECONOMY:

- ✓ Passed landmark commercial space legislation to secure the property rights of U.S. companies that obtain resources from the Moon, asteroids, or other celestial objects.
- ✓ Authored an amendment to direct NASA, the FAA, and the Air Force to work together to reduce the red tape and bureaucracy that is impeding launches here in Florida.
- ✓ Helped secure record funding levels for both the commercial crew program and ground systems at KSC.
- ✓ Cosponsored and supported the *Emergency Citrus Disease Response Act* which will allow growers to get a tax deduction for replanting diseased trees.



Rep. Posey talks economic issues at the Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce.

PROTECTING AMERICA:

- ✓ Voted for the FY17 House *National Defense Authorization Act* which focuses on restoring readiness to our military after fifteen years of war.
- ✓ Cosponsored the *Repeal Executive Amnesty Act of 2015* (H.R. 191), which will enhance our border security.
- ✓ Supported House Passage of H.R. 4038, the *American Security Against Foreign Enemies Act*: Legislation which would institute the most robust national security vetting process in history for any refugee population.
- ✓ Supported House passage of H.R. 4408, the *National Strategy to Combat Terrorist Travel Act*.

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY:



- ✓ Introduced legislation banning Members of Congress from lobbying for 5 years after leaving office (H.R. 383) and to eliminate their federal benefits if they choose to lobby (H.R.384).
- ✓ Authored amendment to House rules requiring all legislation to use comparative print to increase transparency and make it easier to read the bills.
- ✓ Passed bipartisan legislation to protect personal insurance policies (life and homeowners insurance) from being raided to bail out a failing financial institution. (Public Law 114-113)

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Legislation Subjects High-Cost Regulations to Congressional Approval

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation to make high-cost federal regulations subject to Congressional approval. The *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny* or *REINS Act* (H.R. 26) establishes a new Congressional procedure that requires “affirmative approval” for major rules created by federal agencies. Major rules are defined as those with an estimated economic impact of \$100 million or more, rules that significantly increase the price of goods or services, or have a significant adverse impact on competition or employment. Rep. Posey, who helped introduce the legislation, said one of the greatest barriers to job creation and real economic growth in our nation is the constant stream of burdensome regulations pouring out of Washington’s bureaucracy.



Five years of new and proposed federal government regulation.

Rep. Posey’s Personal Accountability Checklist

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

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Opposed Congressional pay increases while in Congress.
- ✓ 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 House 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 \$550,000 over the past 6 years.
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Voted to cut Congressional pensions (H.R. 3630).

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Dear Friend,

As the 115th Congress works with President Trump and his new administration, I would like to share with you some recent legislative accomplishments and get your feedback on important issues before Congress.

As your Representative it is important for me to understand your views on issues pertaining to government accountability, job creation, immigration enforcement, energy independence and tax reform.

Please take two minutes to provide me your thoughts by filling out the attached survey, applying a regular postage stamp and dropping your reply in the mail.

It's an honor and a privilege to serve you.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Posey



Rep. Posey attends the KSC Business Opportunities Expo and discusses economic issues with employees of Correct Mechanical, Inc.

“Sometimes in Washington people forget that working in Congress, or in a federal agency, is first and foremost about serving your fellow Americans.” – Rep. Bill Posey