

Legislative Update to Constituents

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

Dear Friend,

More and more I hear from constituents who have become disheartened by the state of our nation due to rising food and gas prices, high crime, inflation, broken borders, authoritarian mandates, and the erosion of our civil liberties. Many feel that Washington just isn't working to address these challenges, and I share their frustrations.

My top priority is to serve you and to make America better by advancing common-sense proposals that support our economic growth, defend our national security, and most importantly, protect our freedoms. While these ideas may not be popular with the powers that be in Washington today, they are worth fighting for. Our day will come.

Before COVID-19 we had a prosperous economy with historically low unemployment rates across every demographic, energy independence, secure borders, respect for our military and law enforcement, the rule of law, and protection of our freedom. I'm fighting in Congress to restore that version of America.

Sincerely,


P.S. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. We're here to serve you. Also, please take a few minutes to return the attached reply card – or provide your thoughts online at www.posey.house.gov/survey2022 – to let me know what you think about these and other issues that are being considered in Washington.



Congressman Posey discusses legislative issues with Indian River County residents.

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Congressman Posey is Working to Create Jobs

Securing America and Taking On China

Protecting American Patients

- ✓ **Ending Tainted Chinese Pharmaceuticals** - Introduced the bipartisan *Safe Medicine Act* to end our reliance on China for lifesaving drugs and protect American patients from potentially contaminated pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ **Reducing Blood Thinner Shortages** - Passed an initiative incentivizing the production of U.S.-based bovine heparin, reducing our dependence on potentially contaminated supplies from China and addressing worldwide shortages.

Countering a Growing China

- ✓ **Keeping U.S. First in Space** - Introduced the bipartisan *American Space Commerce Act* which incentivizes companies to use U.S. launch services, countering countries that heavily subsidize their space programs like China and Russia.
- ✓ **Curbing China's Influence in Our Space Program** - Co-lead effort to create interagency task force to investigate Chinese interference within NASA.
- ✓ **Putting American Students First** - Passed two initiatives to ensure post-graduate STEM research grants are awarded only to American students and institutions.
- ✓ **Bringing Jobs Back Home** - Introduced the *RAM Act* to provide tax credits to U.S. companies who bring manufacturing jobs back on our shores.
- ✓ **Preventing Cyberattack** - Passed initiatives to strengthen our cybersecurity workforce and ensuring the Biden Administration secures our power grid from foreign adversarial governments, like China, with known histories of cyberattack.

*"A growing and unchecked China is one of the biggest threats to America. Securing America requires taking a multi-faceted approach to standing up to China."
- Congressman Posey*

Holding China Accountable

- ✓ **Getting Answers to COVID-19 Pandemic** - Introduced the *Prepare Act* to get to the bottom of the origins of the pandemic and holding China accountable.
- ✓ **Promoting Transparency** - Passed an initiative to make sure China plays by the rules and is transparent in international standards-setting bodies.
- ✓ **Defunding Chinese Research** - Passed an initiative to ban American research dollars from the National Science Foundation from benefiting state-owned enterprises like the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.



Congressman Posey discusses local economic growth with members of the Space Coast Economic Development Council visiting Washington, DC.

Committee Advances Posey's Proposal to Protect Radio Weather Service During Hurricanes

Congressman Posey's initiative to provide for greater security for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio and increase commercial participation was adopted by the House Science Committee. Posey's amendment to H.R. 5324, the *NWR Modernization Act of 2021*, will help ensure a continuity of the radio service during extreme weather events as well as examine ways to secure the system from the effects of an electromagnetic pulse or geomagnetic disturbances which could be quite damaging.

Ending Our Dependence on China

Congressman Posey introduced the bipartisan *Critical Supply Chain Commission Act* to strengthen the American manufacturing supply chain and reduce our dependence on foreign suppliers like China for critically needed products. Our dependence on foreign adversaries gives countries like China dangerous leverage that jeopardizes our nation's economy and security.

Read more about my record and other important issues at www.posey.house.gov

Jobs, Protect America and Restore Our Freedom

Trillion-Dollar Spending Spree Jeopardizes America's Economic Growth and Prosperity

Congressman Posey voted against two House-passed, multi-trillion-dollar, budget-busting spending sprees, including the President's Build Back Better/Green New Deal, which represents the culmination of months of back room deals and partisan politics. This year alone Congress has attempted to approve an unprecedented \$9 trillion in spending.



Congressman Posey reviews the massive 4000-plus-page Build Back Better and Infrastructure spending bills.

Some provisions include:

- Increased taxes on all Americans (direct and hidden)
- Imposing higher taxes on small businesses than large corporations
- Pushing jobs overseas by raising taxes on large American employers to among the highest in the world
- \$80 billion to the IRS to hire more agents and monitor bank accounts without cause or permission
- Skyrocketing energy prices for seniors and families from increased taxes on clean energies like natural gas
- Mass amnesty and a path to citizenship for millions who crossed our borders illegally
- Adds trillions to the national debt

Combatting Mandates and Protecting Freedom

Mandates imposed by federal agencies are not laws passed by Congress. Lawmakers have a sworn duty to uphold the Constitution and protect our freedom and individual liberties. Americans should not be coerced into surrendering their freedoms at the whims of unelected bureaucrats. **Congressman Posey has taken numerous actions to push back against authoritarian rule and protect our liberty:**

- ✓ Prohibiting creation of vaccine passports (H.R. 3868, H.R. 2487)
- ✓ Protecting members of the Armed Forces who refuse COVID-19 vaccines from adverse action (H.R. 3860)
- ✓ Supporting recognition of natural immunity - cosponsored **Vaccine Immunity Is Real Act**
- ✓ Voted against government database to track Americans' vaccine status
- ✓ Protecting employee health privacy and banning vaccine status discrimination

Securing Our Nation's Borders

- ✓ Introduced **Border Wall Trust Fund Act** (H.R. 416), enabling Americans to contribute to border wall/fence construction
- ✓ Ending the Visa Lottery Program which gives out 50,000 lottery entry visas a year regardless of skills or affiliations (H.R. 413)
- ✓ Deporting criminal aliens (H.R. 2003)
- ✓ Calling on DHS to secure our border amid the release of thousands of dangerous prisoners from Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan
- ✓ Cosponsored bill to fully restore Trump's successful border protections

Fighting for Fiscal Responsibility



As the national debt reached \$5.4 trillion in 1997, the House passed a Constitutional amendment to require Washington to balance its budget. Sadly, it fell one vote short in the Senate. Opponents said they did not need a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA) and could balance the budget without it. History has proven them wrong as our national debt has soared.

We missed another critical opportunity when the Budget Control Act was considered in 2011 and the national debt was \$15.2 trillion. I was in a position and forced a House floor vote on the BBA; however, we fell short of the 2/3 majority required for passage of a Constitutional amendment. **I have voted against 85 percent of final spending bills since coming to Congress.** Washington needs a long-term plan to control spending and balance the budget as the national debt has reached \$29 trillion.

Some recent steps I have taken to fight for fiscal responsibility include:

- ✓ Cosponsored Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment (H.J. Res. 13)
- ✓ Voted against bloated omnibus/continuing resolutions and stimulus spending plans (RC 117-72)
- ✓ Oppose Taxpayer Bailouts of New York, Illinois, and California (H.R. 1319)
- ✓ Opposed sending \$127 billion in federal money to schools that did not open (RC 117-49)
- ✓ Recovering \$2 billion in federal "unemployment insurance" paid to California prisoners (H.R. 723)
- ✓ Ending Child Tax Credits for illegal immigrants, saving \$4 billion a year (H.R. 663)
- ✓ Named a "Taxpayer Hero" by Citizens Against Government Waste for voting against government waste in Congress

Stopping Destructive Critical Race Theory

- ✓ Cosponsored a defense authorization amendment to ban critical race theory (CRT) in the military
- ✓ Cosponsored the **Stop CRT Act** (H.R. 3179) to codify President Trump's Executive Order banning CRT from being used in federal agency trainings
- ✓ Cosponsored the **Combatting Racist Training in the U.S. Military Act** to prohibit our military from promoting CRT
- ✓ Stopping CRT in K-12 schools (H. Res. 397)

Posey Defense Initiatives Pass the House

- ✓ Funding for advanced weapons systems, including hypersonics
- ✓ Blocking funding for military/intelligence cooperation with the Taliban
- ✓ Requiring quarterly briefings in threats emanating from Afghanistan
- ✓ Requiring DOD briefing on status of women and girls in Afghanistan
- ✓ DOD training on health effects of PFAS chemicals
- ✓ Enhancing U.S. production of semiconductors



Rep. Posey discusses defense issues with Space Force Chief of Operations Gen. John Raymond.

Rep. Posey's Personal Accountability Checklist

Congressman Posey believes in draining the swamp and leading by example. Here's how he's doing it:

- ✓ Voted to block Congressional pay increases
- ✓ Has returned the pay raise every year (that was approved before Rep. Posey came to Congress in 2009)
- ✓ Requiring legislation to be available to the public for at least 72 hours before Congress votes on it (Adopted as House Rule Reform)
- ✓ Cosponsored and voted for the STOCK Act to ensure that Members of Congress don't trade stock based on insider information including IPO's (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 over \$1 million since taking office and voted to cut Congressional pensions (H.R. 3630)
- ✓ Ending Congress-Lobbyist revolving door by banning retirement benefits for Members of Congress who become lobbyists (H.R. 417)
- ✓ More Transparency in Washington: H.R. 661 requires members of Congress to disclose foreign business ties. H.R. 664, the *Tax Transparency Act*, requires public disclosure of individual tax returns of the President, the Vice President, Members of Congress, and candidates for such offices going back seven years.

Need Help with a Federal Government Agency?

If you experience a problem dealing with a federal agency such as Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, the VA or any other, Rep. Posey and his staff stand ready to assist you.

Our office can also help in obtaining U.S. flags flown over the Capitol building, providing passes/tours of the Capitol and other information for Washington, D.C. visits, assisting eligible grant seekers in finding information on federal grants, making nominations to military academies, and with college students looking for internship opportunities in our Florida and Washington offices. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact our local office at 321-632-1776. We're here to serve you.



Congressman Posey discusses religious freedom and military issues with Marine Corps Veteran Danny Garcia and his wife Lt. Col. Jackie Garcia (USAF Ret.).

"I want to extend an abundant amount of gratitude to you and your office. Thank you so much for getting our passports mailed to us."

- Satellite Beach Constituent

"Please accept our sincere thanks for the assistance you provided in advising and helping with the arrangement for the burial ceremony for our son at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony was impressive. He was well remembered." - Rockledge Constituent