

Legislative Update to Constituents

from U.S. Representative Bill Posey

Florida's 8th District

Dear Friend,

Americans are struggling under the highest levels of inflation in 40 years, supply-chain disruptions are causing shortages in stores, millions of immigrants are crossing our border illegally, reckless spending and poor budget responsibility have put us on the road to \$40 trillion in debt, and failed energy policies have led to record gas prices.

Serious action to address these issues has stalled Congress. Many of you tell me they feel like Washington just isn't listening, even making matters worse. Frankly, I share your concerns, and I think you're right.

My chief goal has always been to serve you and to advance our shared priorities and common-sense proposals that improve our daily lives. Even in this difficult climate, and I doubt you will hear much about this in the news media, I have put forward solutions to address inflation, promote economic growth and our national security, regain our energy independence and most importantly, protect your freedoms. While these ideas may not be popular with the powers that be in Washington today, you are worth fighting for and our day will come.



At Hobbs Pharmacy on Merritt Island Congressman Posey discusses his legislative efforts to ensure safe and affordable prescription drugs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill".

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/survey – to share with me what you think about these and other issues that are being considered in Washington.

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Congressman Posey is Working to Fight Inflation, F

Working to Stop Washington's Flawed Inflationary Policies

- ✓ Voted against trillions of dollars in inflation-causing spending like Biden's \$1.9 Trillion "American Recovery Plan;"
- ✓ Voted to reverse the cancelling of Keystone Pipeline as this oil would more than replace Russian oil;
- ✓ Introduced the **Senior Citizens Inflation Relief Act** (H.R. 7692), ensuring that seniors can earn another \$5,000 a year before the Social Security limit kicks in;
- ✓ **Fighting food inflation** by leading effort to suspend ethanol production mandates so that corn can be redirected toward lowering food costs;
- ✓ Confronting and challenging Federal Reserve Governors to end their inflation-driving monetary policies; and
- ✓ **Cosponsoring the Balanced Budget Amendment** to force Washington to live within its means and end deficit spending.



Congressman Posey talks gas prices with constituents at a local gas station in Brevard County.

Fighting for Fiscal Sanity

In 2021 alone, the House has attempted to pass \$9 trillion in spending. It's totally out of control, and Americans are experiencing the effects in the supermarkets and at the pump.

When the Budget Control Act was considered in 2011 and the national debt was \$15.2 trillion, I was able to force a House floor vote on a Balanced Budget Amendment. Sadly, we fell short of the 2/3 majority required for passage of a Constitutional amendment.

I'm fighting to bring another balanced budget amendment to the floor because it will bring the budget discipline we need. I have voted against 85 percent of final spending bills since coming to Congress. Washington must have a long-term plan to control spending and balance the budget as the national debt has now reached \$30.4 trillion.

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)
- ✓ **Opposed 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



Congressman Posey reviews the massive 2700-page omnibus bill and the 4000-plus-page Build Back Better/Infrastructure spending bills.

Posey's Bipartisan Supply-Chain Initiative Advances

Bipartisan legislation introduced by Congressman Posey to strengthen American manufacturing supply chain resilience and reduce our dependence on foreign powers like China for critically needed products advanced through the House. The bill establishes a nonpartisan commission tasked with studying the U.S. critical supply chain, identifying its vulnerabilities, predicting future supply-chain disruptions, and guiding Congress on meeting critical supply-chain needs and mitigating dependence on foreign powers like China.

Supporting Law and Order

In response to calls to defund police departments across the country, Congressman Posey and several of his colleagues introduced legislation to support law enforcement officers and prevent state and local governments from applying for certain federal grants if they remove qualified immunity protections for police officers.

Last July, Congressman Posey led efforts in Congress to disqualify cities that defund their police departments from receiving federal law enforcement grants. Posey believes that if localities partake in political stunts to defund their police departments, they should not be allowed to quietly plug those budget cuts on the back end with federal taxpayer dollars.

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

Protect America and Hold Washington Accountable

Congressman Posey is Fighting to Secure America and Take On China

Protecting American Patients

- ✓ **Ending Tainted Chinese Pharmaceuticals** - Introduced the bipartisan *Safe Medicine Act* to end our reliance on China for life-saving 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 supply from China and addressing worldwide shortages.

Countering the Threat of a Growing China

- ✓ **Keeping U.S. First in Space** - Introduced the *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-led 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 strengthening our cybersecurity workforce and ensuring the Biden Administration secures our power grid from foreign adversarial governments, like China, with known histories of cyberattack.



Congressman Posey talks space issues at Kennedy Space Center.

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 hold 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 National Science Foundation research dollars from benefiting state-owned enterprises like the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.

REPORT: Draining the Swamp

Congressman Posey believes in draining the swamp and leading by example:

- ✓ Voted to block Congressional pay increases.
- ✓ Has returned the pay raise every year (that was approved before Rep. Posey came to Congress.)
- ✓ 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 - and their families - 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.



Legislation Blocks Funding to China's Research Programs

Congressman Posey is an original cosponsor of the *Stop Funding Our Adversaries Act* to push back against the corrupt Chinese Communist Party and promote U.S. research initiatives by prohibiting any federal agency from using American tax dollars to conduct or support research with the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The legislation protects the interests of the United States and makes sure Chinese Communist Party entities like the Wuhan Institute of Virology never see a cent of American funding again.

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Congressman Posey tours the Indian River Lagoon and discusses environmental issues.

Congressman Posey has been Leading Efforts to Support Our Local Environment

- ✓ Founded Congressional Estuary Caucus to secure funding for clean-up and restoration
- ✓ Passed **National Estuaries Acidification Research Act** to ensure study impact of water acidification in the Indian River Lagoon
- ✓ Protecting Florida from oil and gas drilling
- ✓ Secured funding to restore our Lagoon and local beaches
- ✓ Supports Everglades restoration funding
- ✓ Cleaning up PFAS chemical contaminants at military bases (H.R. 4241)

Posey is Working to Secure American Space Leadership

- ✓ Introduced **Bipartisan American Space Commerce Act (H.R. 1369)**, securing American space leadership and combatting unfair practices by China and Russia
- ✓ **Securing funding for NASA's SLS and Orion and return to the Moon program**
- ✓ Securing highly successful NASA ISS Commercial Cargo and Commercial Crew



Posey Legislation Deputizes States to Enforce Border Laws

Working with Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Congressman Posey has introduced legislation to allow state officials to force the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security to enforce immigration laws or deputize state officials to carry out their federal immigration duties. Posey has been a strong advocate of enforcing our laws and securing our borders from human traffickers, drug smugglers and other violent criminals seeking access to our communities.

According to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, **since President Biden took office, the amount of fentanyl seized at the border is enough to kill every man, woman and child in the nation more than seven times over** and has become the number-one killer of adults aged 18-45 with Mexico being the main



source. If the federal government won't enforce our border laws, states have a duty to protect their citizens, said Posey.

Other Posey initiatives to secure our borders include:

- ✓ 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)
- ✓ Original cosponsor of the **Secure the Southern Border Act** to reinstate and make law the successful Trump-era immigration policies that secured our border and reduced the flow of immigrants at our southern border to a trickle.

Need Help with a Federal Government Agency?

If you experience a problem dealing with a federal agency such as Social Security, Medicare, the IRS, Veterans Affairs 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 meets with the Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of South Patrick Shores constituents about the Formerly Utilized Defense Site (FUDS) designation.

"Thank you for inquiring to the Social Security Administration for me. The issue was resolved surprisingly quickly with your input. I was able to receive some refund and an explanation for the rest. I wasn't getting anywhere by myself."

- Rockledge Constituent