

Legislative Update to Constituents

from U.S. Representative Bill Posey

Florida's 8th District

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Dear Friend,

As the new Congress convenes in 2023, Republicans hold a narrow majority in the House of Representatives. While this is an opportunity to reverse failed policies and put our country back on track, I believe decisive action to address the most important issues facing our nation will be met by opposition in a gridlocked Congress. Despite this challenge, I am confident we will advance important legislation and solid initiatives that benefit our district and nation.



Congressman Posey discusses space issues and his efforts to boost opportunities for American science students.

My commitment to you is to hold the new majority accountable to the American people on issues like tackling inflation and reducing rising costs, securing our borders, re-establishing our energy independence, holding the line on spending, and making Congress and Washington more transparent and accountable.

As we have the opportunity to set the new path for Congress, I would very much welcome your input in shaping the new agenda for America. Please fill out the attached survey and return it to me to share your ideas, or complete it online: www.posey.house.gov/survey2023.

Sincerely,

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

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Posey: Fighting Inflation, Protecting America and

Keeping America First in Space

In the opening days of the 118th Congress, Congressman Posey will re-introduce the bipartisan *American Space Commerce Act* which provides an incentive for American space firms to keep investing in America and launching from American soil. Unfair trade practices from nations like China and Russia that heavily subsidize space launches put the United States at a disadvantage.

By extending existing space launch tax incentives for companies that launch their payloads from the United States, Congressman Posey's bill incentivizes further private-sector investments in advanced space technologies and infrastructure.



Congressman Posey talks space issues in Titusville.

Fiscal Responsibility in Washington Starts with Transparency

Congress's inability to exercise fiscal restraint is what led Bill Posey to Congress. Many in Washington want you to believe there are no consequences for deficit spending and the abuse of our budget process, but Americans are now experiencing the effects in the supermarkets and at the pump.

It's totally out of control. The national debt, according to the Treasury Department, has now reached \$31.2 trillion, and this past Congress alone, the Majority went on an unprecedented spending spree encompassing over \$9 trillion in new spending. In the 118th Congress we need a majority that will be a friend of the taxpayer and end the spending insanity.

We need budget reform that provides for smart budgets, not massive spending bills full of radical social programs rushed to the floor in the eleventh hour, without time for Members of Congress and the public to read them.

The rules of the 118th Congress include Posey's 72-hour rule, which requires all legislation be publicly available for 72 hours before voting, which will promote transparency, accountability, and a more open process. This will go a long way towards curbing forced votes on last-minute appropriations bills crafted behind closed doors. The rules also take steps to enact Posey's initiative to implement a comparative print requirement so that the public can clearly see all the last-minute bill text changes.

As a leader in fiscal responsibility, Posey also:

- ✓ Cosponsored a Constitutional Balanced Budget Amendment every Congress
- ✓ Voted against 85% of all final spending bills and stimulus plans
- ✓ Was named "Taxpayer Hero" by Citizens Against Government Waste for his votes in Congress
- ✓ Votes against waste and stands up to Washington reckless spending

Addressing Rising Crime

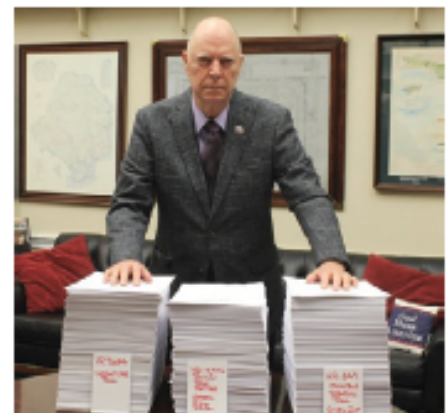
Crime is up in many areas of the country as some localities institute controversial policies such as defunding police departments, cashless bail and other reforms that have tied the hands of judges, forcing release of violent offenders back onto the streets and creating a revolving door for criminals. In the new Congress, Congressman Posey will fight for the enactment of the *Concerned Citizens Bill of Rights Act* (H.R. 9240), putting new requirements on localities seeking federal grants, including:

- ✓ The accurate and timely reporting of crime statistics by cities and states
- ✓ Ending cashless bail for felonies and other violent offenses
- ✓ Empowering judges to prevent the release of dangerous individuals

COVID Accountability

There are still many unanswered questions regarding the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, the policies pursued by the Administration, and the safety and efficacy of the Emergency Use Authorization COVID vaccine. Americans are owed answers to these questions and an independent fact-finding mission free of any bias or conflict of interests. Other steps Congress must take:

- ✓ Ending COVID vaccine mandates in the U.S., including for our military and restoring dismissed service members
- ✓ Requiring immediate disclosure of all COVID vaccine safety data
- ✓ Ending dangerous NIH research and federal grant funding to study bat viruses in China



Congressman Posey reads the Biden-Pelosi trillion-dollar spending bills which the public had no time to read.

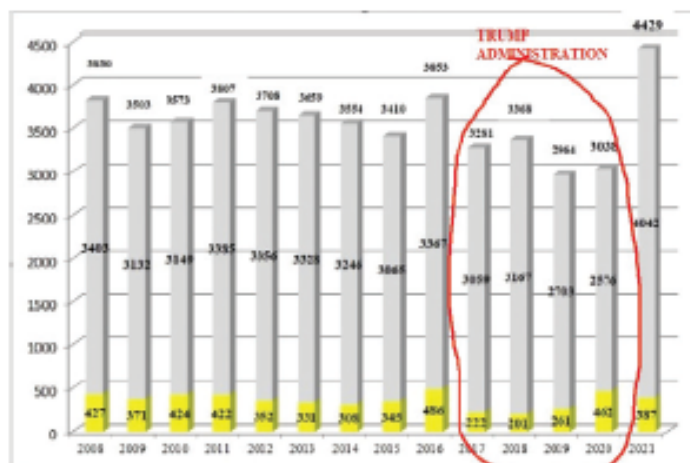
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Holding Washington Accountable Are Top Priorities

The Return of Overregulation

For the past two years Americans have felt the effects of inflation through rising costs. Federal agencies have contributed to that as they have been hard at work crafting regulations resulting in more burdensome red tape on American businesses and families. Recent analysis by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (See chart at right) shows the number of federal regulations has increased by 45 percent under the Biden Administration's policies.

Federal rules in 2019 under the Trump Administration hit a ten-year low. To combat this trend in overregulation, Congressman Posey introduced the *Government Red-Tape Reduction Act* which would stop job-killing regulations by requiring federal agencies to identify and repeal three regulations for every new proposed regulation.



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Fighting to Secure America and Take On China



Protecting American Patients

- ✓ **Ending Tainted Chinese Pharmaceuticals** - Posey's bipartisan *Safe Medicine Act* would end our reliance on China for lifesaving drugs and protect American patients from contaminated or ineffective pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ **Reducing Blood Thinner Shortages** - Incentivizing the production of U.S.-based bovine heparin to reduce our dependence on potentially contaminated supply from China and address worldwide shortages.

Holding China Accountable

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

Countering a Growing China

- ✓ **Protecting American Investors** - Will continue fighting in Congress to challenge Biden Administration policies that put American investors at a disadvantage to China.
- ✓ **Curbing China's Influence in Our Space Program** - Protecting American NASA, commercial, and military space technology from Chinese espionage.
- ✓ **Putting American Students First** - Build on initiatives passed to ensure public post-graduate STEM research grants are awarded only to American students and institutions.
- ✓ **Bringing Jobs Back Home** - Implementing policies like Posey's *RAM Act* to provide tax credits to U.S. companies that bring manufacturing jobs back on our shores.
- ✓ **Preventing Cyberattack** - Strengthen our cybersecurity workforce and ensuring the Administration secures our power grid from foreign adversarial governments, like China, with known histories of cyberattack.
- ✓ **Resisting Chinese Technology** - Blocking Chinese technology from being integrated into our energy and telecommunications grids.

Protecting Your Privacy and Reining In Big Tech

Data collection by large tech companies has become a multi-billion-dollar industry, leading internet users to be exposed to identity theft, online targeting and exploitation, and severe loss of privacy. To better protect our privacy rights on the internet, Congressman Posey's legislation gives individual consumers control of their online data and personal information with tools to limit or prevent data collection, gain access to your own data, delete your data, and most importantly, the right to own your data. The legislation also preserves states' authority to regulate online data collection as well as competition from small internet startups.

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Secure Borders and a Stronger America

According to their own Department of Homeland Security (DHS), during the first two years of the Biden Administration's policies approximately 5 million illegal immigrants have crossed the border, including 1 million who escaped past Border Patrol agents. This past October alone, 1,906 pounds of fentanyl and 10,518 pounds of methamphetamine were seized. These dangerous drugs are flooding our streets and killing tens of thousands of Americans. Biden's open-border policies enrich the brutal cartels, embolden human traffickers and drug smugglers, and threaten the safety of Americans. This must end!

Congressman Posey's plan to secure the border includes:

- ✓ Funding for building the border wall/fence
- ✓ Ending the Visa Lottery Program which gives out 50,000 lottery entry visas a year regardless of skills or affiliations
- ✓ Deporting criminal aliens and codifying President Trump's immigration policies halted during the Biden Administration, like the Remain in Mexico policy
- ✓ Requiring DHS to handle fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction (WMD) and requiring the Administration to halt immigration and imports from countries known to traffic drugs into our country



The DEA says rainbow fentanyl is a new trend by the Mexican Cartels to drive addiction in the U.S. Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine. According to the CDC, deaths from fentanyl poisoning are fastest growing among 14 to 23 year-olds.

Replacing the Radical Woke Agenda with Common Sense and Accountability

Restoring parents' rights and stopping the radical woke agenda of indoctrinating children is a priority for Congressman Posey:

- ✓ Ending Critical Race Theory in public K-12 schools
- ✓ Protecting women's sports by ensuring that only biological women can compete in women's sports
- ✓ Prohibiting our military from teaching and promoting dangerous social ideologies like CRT
- ✓ Creating a *Bill of Rights* to hold schools accountable to parents

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.

I just wanted to drop a note to thank you for helping resolve my outstanding IRS case. I am very grateful for your persistence in getting this resolved.

-Vero Beach Resident