



CONGRESSWOMAN HILDA L. SOLIS



A NEW DIRECTION

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Dear Friend:

Last November the American people called for a change – change in the direction of the Congress and the country. They sent a message to Congress to change the way it does business and to work together to address the real challenges facing the American people.

The 110th Congress is providing Americans with the New Direction they voted for last fall. With broad bipartisan support, the House passed measures restoring honesty and openness in government, re-establishing fiscal responsibility, strengthening our national security, and giving more

Americans a realistic opportunities at the American Dream.

These successes are just the beginning. We have set a tone for the 110th Congress that is one of cooperation, consensus and compromise that extends beyond party lines.

Sincerely,

Hilda L. Solis

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Congresswoman Solis discusses the importance of education with middle school students.

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REDUCING THE DEFICIT

I voted for H.Res. 6, the so-called “pay-go” rules which would ensure that any new expenditure by the federal government is paid for at the time it is authorized. “Pay-go” rules will stop the growth of deficit spending and put our nation on track to reducing the deficit.

CLEANING UP CONGRESS

H.Res. 6 also would restore integrity in Congress by banning travel and gifts paid for by lobbyists, requiring transparency to the federal project request process, and resting democracy to the legislative process.



Congresswoman Solis (third from left) joins other Members of Congress at a press conference calling for honest leadership and open government in Congress.

MAKING AMERICA SAFER

I strongly supported H.R. 1, legislation to make America safer by implementing the recommendations of the bipartisan 9/11 Commission which were submitted to Congress in 2004. The bill responds to the many failing grades that the 9/11 Commissioners have given Congress and the Administration on implementing these recommendations. Provisions in H.R. 1 include increasing the share of homeland security grants on the basis of risk

and creating a stand-alone program for interoperable communications for first responders.

RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE

I voted for H.R. 2, the Fair Minimum Wage Act which would raise the federal minimum wage to \$7.25. The minimum wage has remained at \$5.15 for the past 10 years. Full-time workers who earn



Congresswoman Solis speaks with advocates about the need to improve working conditions for all Americans.

the current federal minimum wage earn far less than the federal poverty level, and one-third of minimum wage workers are the sole source of income for their family. An increase to the federal minimum wage is long overdue and will help millions of working families make ends meet.

PROMOTING LIFE-SAVING STEM CELL RESEARCH

I strongly supported H.R. 3, the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which would expand federal funding and research for promising cures for some of the most chronic illnesses like Parkinson’s Disease, Alzheimer’s Disease, diabetes and cancer. The promising potential of stem cell research for those with diabetes provides a real opportunity to eliminate one of the most blatant health disparities for Latinos and African-Americans. We cannot ignore a valuable research tool that would potentially provide real cures for millions.

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R CALIFORNIA FAMILIES



LOWERING PRESCRIPTION COSTS FOR SENIORS



Congresswoman Solis listens to a constituent in East Los Angeles about her health care needs.

Nearly 70,000 residents of the 32nd Congressional District are eligible for Medicare. That is why I supported H.R. 4, legislation to require Medicare to negotiate prescription drug

prices. I want to make prescriptions more affordable for Medicare beneficiaries and am committed to providing access to quality, affordable health care for all residents of the 32nd Congressional District.

SETTING AMERICA ON THE PATH TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

I supported H.R. 6, legislation to repeal \$13 billion in subsidies to the five major oil companies and reinvest that money in renewable energy technologies. The rising cost of gasoline has cost a single family in the Los Angeles

area an additional \$1,000 a year since 2001. Small businesses have also suffered. More than 70 percent reported that the increase cost of gasoline is hurting their business. Meanwhile, the five major oil companies made \$97 billion in profit in 2006 – nearly five times their profits in 2002.



Congresswoman Solis attends several committee hearings each week in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which handles health, environmental, and telecommunications issues, and the House Natural Resources Committee.

MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

A major priority for me is making college more affordable and more accessible to students in our community. I voted for H.R. 5, legislation to cut the interest rate on subsidized student loans in half over the next five years. When signed into law, this bill will save the average four-year college student in California about \$2,490 over the life of their loan.

YOUR VIEWS ARE IMPORTANT TO ME

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UPCOMING EVENT

CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 21st, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Irwindale Senior Citizen Center
16116 Arrow Hwy., Irwindale, CA 91706

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Congresswoman Solis meets with participants at her Small Business Forum and Job Fair in Irwindale.

LOCAL EVENTS

GRANTS WORKSHOP



GRANT MONEY

Over 100 people attended Congresswoman Solis' annual Grants Workshop on January 25th and 26th at the SCE Federal Credit

Union in Irwindale. Participants learned skills critical to accessing federal and private grant funding opportunities, including applying for grants, writing proposals, gaining letters of support, and utilizing Congressional resources.

SMALL BUSINESS FORUM & JOB FAIR

Congresswoman Solis hosted a Small Business Forum and Job Fair on February 10th at South El Monte High School. Representatives from federal and state agencies and local organizations provided participants with information how to start a small business, how to raise capital, and utilize federal resources.

YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT TO ME.

Please take a few moments to fill out my survey and mail it back to me. Knowing your concerns and views on issues helps me represent you better.

Which issues are of most concern to you and your family?

- Access to Health Care
- Balancing the Budget
- Education
- Environment
- Gas Prices
- Immigration
- Iraq
- Jobs
- Medicare/Prescription Drugs
- Social Security
- Transportation
- Veterans
- Other _____

Which of the following do you believe should be the top priority of the new Congress?

(Check all that apply.)

- Ending the conflict in Iraq
- Balancing the budget and reducing the federal deficit
- Fully funding the No Child Left Behind Act
- Reforming our nation's immigration system
- Expanding access to affordable health care
- Combating global climate change
- Other _____

Which policy towards Iraq do you support?

- Immediate troop redeployment and withdrawal
- A one to two year timetable for redeployment and withdrawal
- Stay the course until the President says the job is done
- No opinion or not sure

E-NEWSLETTER

YES, I want to receive Congresswoman Solis' free e-newsletter updates.

My email address is:

Please complete this survey, affix a 39¢ postage stamp to it, and mail to my El Monte District Office, or complete the survey online at www.house.gov/solis. Thank you!