

# 2024 Year in Review

U.S. CONGRESSMAN  
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6TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS



# Introduction

This year, I was honored to participate in multiple events recognizing our veterans, tour state-of-the-art health care facilities that serve folks in the 6th Congressional District, and connect with the community through my town halls.

As the 118th Congress comes to a close, I'm proud to have written and introduced 36 pieces of legislation and co-sponsored over 481 bills to protect reproductive freedom, support veterans, and expand access to affordable health care, child care, and clean energy from Illinois-based manufacturers and providers. In addition to legislation, I wrote or signed 381 letters to federal agencies to advocate for our community.





# Delivering for 6th District Constituents



Rep. Casten visits Aloha Motel in Chicago to meet with BEDS Plus



Rep. Casten distributes Valentines for Vets at the Oak Lawn VA Clinic



Rep. Casten tours Loyola Medicine's new ambulatory site in Tinley Park



**\$3 billion** invested in new infrastructure and manufacturing projects in Illinois thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and CHIPS and Science Act.



**23,000 more people** in the 6th District have access to affordable health care coverage through the Affordable Care Act.



**39,200 new businesses** have started in the 6th Congressional District since 2021.



**24,000 Medicare beneficiaries** in the 6th District are projected to save a total of **\$7.7 million** in out-of-pocket costs for their prescriptions.



**\$5,652,000,000 in investments** for clean energy and manufacturing jobs in Illinois.



# January

VISITING THE NORTH PALOS AND EVERGREEN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENTS

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION



### Supporting Children in Our Community

Voted for the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024, legislation that would expand the Child Tax Credit to thousands of families in the 6th Congressional District and boost affordable housing throughout Illinois.



### Highlighted Need for Climate Disclosure Rules

Called attention to the importance of the SEC's proposed climate disclosure rules that will protect investors and increase market transparency during the Financial Services Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations Hearing.

## LOCAL VISITS

Visited the South Suburban Joy Emporium to discuss how Congress can address homelessness and help community members in need.



Visited the Glen Ellyn Library's Children's Resource Center to discuss with parents how the Center serves our community.





# February

TOURING THE WHEATON SANITARY DISTRICT



## Internet Connectivity

Proudly announced that 20,000 households in the 6th Congressional District have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet thanks to the Affordable Connectivity Program.\*



## Rail Car Updates

Announced that Metra is expected to receive \$100,000,000 through the U.S. Department of Transportation's FY24 Rail Vehicle Replacement Program, which will support Metra in purchasing modern, ADA-accessible, multilevel railcars.

# VALENTINES FOR VETERANS



Each year, IL-06's Valentines for Veterans Program delivers Valentine's Day cards to veterans in our district. In 2024, we distributed over 400 cards to veterans at the Hines VA Hospital and Oak Lawn VA Clinic.

Interested in sending love to our veterans? Constituents can drop off or mail Valentines to my office.



I was honored to be named a Renewable Energy Champion by the American Council on Renewable Energy in recognition of my legislative work on lowering consumer energy costs and promoting clean energy sources.

\*Source: House Democrats Regional Leadership Council IL-06 Fact Sheet




# March

VISITING THE BRIDGE TEEN CENTER IN ORLAND PARK


## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Reproductive Health Care




Cosponsored the Access to Family Building Act, which would establish a federal right to access assisted reproductive technology and would pre-empt state efforts to limit access and ensure that no parents or doctors are punished for trying to start a family.

### Emissions Mitigation



Introduced the Methane Emissions Mitigation Research and Development Act to create a program for methane emissions detection and mitigation research, as well as development and demonstration for technologies and methods that would detect and mitigate emissions.

### Federal Funding for Local Projects



Secured \$11,427,646 in federal funding for local projects around this 6th Congressional District. This funding directly responds to some of the most pressing needs in our community, like keeping drinking water clean, helping local police departments keep our community safe, and modernizing community centers.

## CASEWORK

Rep. Casten's office takes everything seriously, from the smallest of issues to largest. Thank you so much for making the time to care about my passport!

Your office made the time to take my passport expiration emergency a non-issue immediately within the time frame I needed. You did so with compassion and excellent care, not just doing your job but doing so expeditiously and graciously. I know it may seem like a small issue given how many of your constituents have so many issues but it made such a difference in my life. My passport issues are taken care of, and I am so very grateful!

*-Constituent from Oak Brook*



April

HOSTING A PRESS CONFERENCE OUTSIDE THE CAPITOL

LEGISLATIVE ACTION



Soil Health

Led 19 of my colleagues in a letter to House Agriculture Committee Leadership urging them to include a voluntary crop insurance premium incentive program in the upcoming Farm Bill to help farmers who plant cover crops.



Consumer Choice and Investor Freedom

Hosted a press conference to highlight the importance of protecting free-market principles of consumer choice and investor freedom outside the U.S. Capitol.



Aid for U.S. Allies

Voted to pass a supplemental funding package to provide critical aid to Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel, and humanitarian assistance for Gaza.

EARTH DAY

Hosted an Earth Day Jeopardy with Rep. Bill Foster and Jennifer Walling, Executive Director of the Illinois Environmental Council, and everyone's favorite weatherman, Tom Skilling. (Jennifer won!)



May

DISCUSSING DEMOCRACY REFORM AT MORaine VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

### Cryptocurrency Regulation



Introduced the Blockchain Integrity Act to temporarily prohibit financial institutions from transacting with funds that have gone through digital asset mixers while the Treasury Department, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Commodity Futures Trade Commission (CFTC), and Department of Justice (DOJ) conduct a study on their potential illicit uses.

### Protecting Seniors on Medicare and Medicaid



Led 10 Members of Congress in urging the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement quality standards of care and protections from abuse and neglect for older Americans and people with disabilities.

### Creating Consumer Economic Benefits



Introduced the Responsive Energy Demand Unlocks Clean Energy (REDUCE) Act, legislation that would allow consumers to sell their energy use reduction into federal wholesale electricity markets.



I was honored to participate in a Memorial Day bipartisan wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

In honor of Mental Health Month, I joined my colleagues to support those experiencing struggles with mental health.







June



CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH AND JUNETEENTH IN THE COMMUNITY

LEGISLATIVE ACTION



Returning Unclaimed Savings Bonds to Americans

Partnered with Republican Congresswoman Ann Wagner from Missouri and led 23 Members of Congress in urging the Department of Treasury to collaborate with states and return the more than \$30 billion that the Treasury currently holds in unclaimed savings bond assets to bondholders.



Pilot and Aviator Mental Health

Introduced my bipartisan amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act to require the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services to examine barriers to access to mental health care for military pilots and air traffic controllers.



Addressing the Severe Economic Situation in the West Bank

Led over 50 lawmakers in urging Secretary of State Antony Blinken and World Bank President Ajay Banga to take immediate action to address the severe and worsening economic situation in the West Bank.

WELCOMING THE WINNER OF MY 2024 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION DANIEL GILL TO MY DC OFFICE TO CELEBRATE HIS PHOTO "FAMILY BUSINESS"



July

MEETING WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD IN DOWNERS GROVE

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Sustainable Apparel



Introduced the bipartisan Voluntary Sustainable Apparel Labeling Act, legislation that calls for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to work with apparel manufacturers to develop a voluntary label to place on products that will contain EPA-verified information relating to the carbon footprint of that product.

SERVING ON THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE



I'm proud to serve on the House Financial Services Committee, where I combine my expertise in climate and finance. In a July committee hearing I questioned Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen on the economic threats posed by the climate crisis.

TOURING THE MORTON ARBORETUM WITH MY 2024 STEM SCHOLARS

“  
At Morton Arboretum, I was able to learn about the role trees and forestry plan in our ecosystem.  
-2024 STEM Scholar



# August

## HOSTING A CEREMONY TO RECOGNIZE 75 VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM WAR

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION



#### Supporting Health Care for Aviators

Introduced the bipartisan Aviation Medication Transparency Act, legislation to require the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) to publish and regularly update a list of approved medications for aviators. This will help aviators and their doctors make the best choices for their career and their health.



#### Combating Extreme Weather

Introduced the Reinforcing the Grid Against Extreme Weather Act of 2024 which would bolster electric power grid reliability against increasing and intensifying extreme weather events.

## 6 FOR THE 6TH LOCAL BUSINESS TOUR



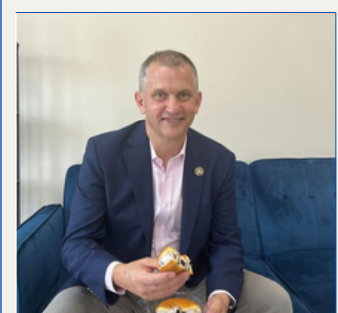
A Touch of Ireland  
Oak Lawn



S2 Grill  
Orland Park



Qamaria Yemeni Coffee Co.  
Chicago Ridge



Donut Dudes  
Evergreen Park



Ain't She Sweet Cafe  
Chicago



LA Style  
Chicago

During my “6 For The 6th” tour, I visited six small businesses in IL-06. In Congress, I’m a proud advocate for the small businesses that make our community strong.

From and donations to the Habitat families build strength, stability and our community and around the world.

# September

## CELEBRATING THE OPENING OF THE HABITAT RESTORE IN OAK LAWN

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION

#### Measuring Carbon Emissions

Introduced the Exported Carbon Emissions Report Act, legislation to require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regularly publish a summary for each of the previous ten years of total emissions of carbon dioxide and methane related to United States fossil fuel exports.

#### Mental Health in Aviation

Introduced the bipartisan Mental Health in Aviation Act, legislation to eliminate barriers to mental health care for aviators by requiring the FAA to review and update mental health-related processes annually.

#### Car Tax Relief

Introduced the Vehicle Energy Performance Act (VEPA) to establish a tax credit for consumers who buy new vehicles with higher-than-average energy performance and impose a fee on manufacturers of new vehicles with lower-than-average energy performance.

#### Flood Insurance Protections

Introduced the Protecting Families and the Solvency of the National Flood Insurance Program Act of 2024, which would authorize the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide additional mitigation assistance to families affected by flooding and address the problems of delays in buyouts for communities facing repetitive losses.

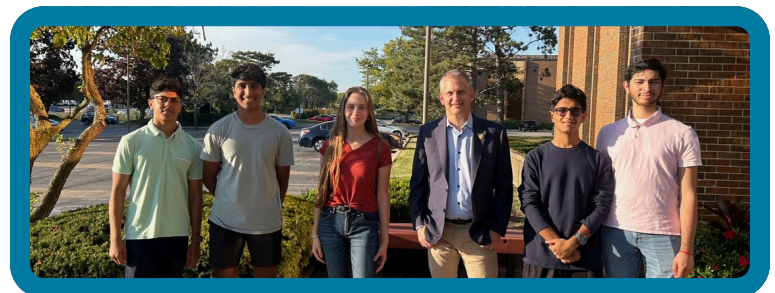
#### Climate Food Labeling

Introduced the Voluntary Food Climate Labeling Act which would allow the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to work with food producers, manufacturers, and retailers to develop a voluntary food climate label to place on products that will contain EPA-verified information relating to the carbon footprint of that product.

### CELEBRATING MY 2024 CONGRESSIONAL STEM SCHOLARS !

My favorite part of the STEM Scholars Program was that we got to visit a lot of facilities and learn about the different fields of STEM we can work in.

-2024 STEM Scholar





October

TOURING UNIVAR SOLUTIONS IN BEDFORD PARK

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

**Financial Empowerment**



Introduced the Financial Empowerment and Protection Act to remove barriers to the financial insights often necessary for people to safely leave abusive relationships. This legislation aims to take away a financial lever of control from abusers, empowering women to make their own financial decisions.

**Health Care Access**



Introduced the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Study (FACES) Act of 2024, which would study the hurdles to the enforcement of the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act of 1994. This legislation would protect the rights of patients and health care providers to safely access reproductive health services.

**Military Voting**



Introduced the Military Voter Overseas Technical Enhancement (VOTE) Act to improve access to the ballot for members of the armed forces who are stationed overseas.

CASEWORK

“ My case took longer that it should have because of Covid back in 2020, and we were told our case would take two weeks, but my oldest son couldn't come with us. I'm grateful for the Congressman for solving the problem and now my oldest son is here in USA and it's all because of you. Thank you so much and I appreciate it.

-Constituent from Worth



November

ATTENDING THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NEW 294 INTERCHANGE IN JUSTICE

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Energy Costs and Environmental Justice



Introduced the LNG Public Interest Determination Act of 2024, legislation to require the Department of Energy to examine impacts on climate stability, consumer energy costs, and environmental justice when considering permits for new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals.

CASEWORK

I recently applied for Advance Parole to attend a conference in Mexico City. Thanks to the support of Congressman Sean Casten and his dedicated team who reached out to USCIS on my behalf, I was fortunate to receive approval within a couple of weeks. Congressman Casten and his team demonstrated excellent communication and went above and beyond to ensure all my needs were met.

-Constituent from Oak Lawn



**December**

**SPEAKING ON THE HOUSE FLOOR**

### **Energy Efficiency**



Spoke about energy efficiency at The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Federal Policy Forum, which convened experts and leaders from across government, industry, and advocacy to discuss what Congress can do to lower consumer energy bills and expand access to clean energy.

### **Gun Violence Prevention**



Led a letter with my House colleagues urging more funding for the Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to aid the agency's critical work in preventing and responding to gun crime.

### **Education in IL-06**



Met with local superintendents to discuss the state of our schools in IL-06 and what educators and students need for the best educational experience.

## **CONSTITUENT SERVICES**

My office has resolved thousands of constituent cases with federal agencies and returned over \$6 million back into the pockets of folks in our community.

Here are a few examples of what my office can assist you with:

- Passports
- Visas
- VA Claims
- White House and U.S. Capitol Tour Requests
- U.S. Service Academy Nominations

If you need assistance in any of these areas, don't hesitate to reach out to my Glen Ellyn, IL office at 630-520-9450 or my Washington, DC office at 202-225-4561.

# Community Project Funding

I was proud to secure over \$11 million in funding for local projects that will strengthen our community in 2024.

These investments, included in the government funding package for FY2024, directly address some of the most pressing needs in the 6th Congressional District. From keeping our drinking water clean and modernizing community centers to speeding up our transition to clean energy and helping our police departments keep our community safe, this funding will make a significant impact in the 6th Congressional District.

## OVER \$11 MILLION SECURED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS ACROSS IL-06

### DOWNERS GROVE

Outdoor Recreation Space for Homeless Children at DuPage Pads  
**\$346,840**

### ELMHURST

Waste Reclamation Facility  
**\$959,752**

### EVERGREEN PARK

Water Main Replacement  
**\$1,280,000**

### LA GRANGE

Storm and Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation  
**\$500,000**

### INDIAN HEAD PARK

Water Main Repairs  
**\$947,775**

### HODGKINS

Water System Rehabilitation  
**\$500,000**

### ORLAND PARK

Building Acquisition for The Bridge Teen Center  
**\$700,000**

### WESTERN SPRINGS

Ridgewood Drive Flood Project  
**\$1,000,000**

### BEDFORD PARK

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations  
**\$500,000**

### TINLEY PARK

UCP Seguin Employment and Day Services  
**\$842,000**

### DOWNERS GROVE

Maple Grove Bridge Replacement  
**\$750,000**

### HOMETOWN

Sewer Lining Project  
**\$300,000**

### OAK BROOK

Ginger Creek Accessible Bridge and Shoreline Restoration  
**\$1,466,279**

### OAK LAWN

Regional 9-1-1 Technology Project  
**\$963,000**

### ALSIP

Policing Equipment and Technology Upgrades  
**\$370,000**





# Casework Success Stories

Some of the most important work my office does is helping constituents navigate problems with federal agencies. Whether it's Medicare, the IRS, the Social Security Administration, the VA, or getting a passport renewed, my office can help constituents navigate problems with federal agencies.

A constituent from Tinley Park contacted my office for assistance after he struggled to receive his Medicare benefits. He wrote the following to our office:



**I am incredibly grateful for the outstanding assistance I received from Congressman Sean Casten's office regarding my Medicare benefits. With the impending deadline imposed by the Cook County Pension Board, their swift and effective action in making an official inquiry to the Social Security Administration ensured that the enrollment process was expedited. Thanks to their intervention, I was able to secure my Medicare benefits in time, providing me with essential health care coverage and peace of mind. Congressman Casten's office truly went above and beyond to help me and my family, and I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and support.**

*- Constituent from Tinley Park*

“It is an honor to represent the 6th District of Illinois. Happy holidays to all and wishing you a wonderful 2025.”



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