

Legislative Update to Constituents

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

CONSTITUENT UPDATE

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading my October 2019 email update. While we have made significant progress on many important issues, there's still much more work to do in building a stronger America and holding Washington accountable.

Please take a moment to participate in [my online survey](#) - on trade with China, securing the border, and efforts in the U.S. House to impeach the President

- your views on these important issues facing our nation are appreciated and helpful as I work to represent your interests in Congress.



Rep. Posey meets with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss designating South Patrick Shores a Formerly Used Defense Site. Posey convinced the EPA Administrator to investigate contamination in that community.

If my office can ever be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call 321-632-1776. It's an honor and a privilege to serve as your representative in Congress.

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

Sincerely,

Bill Posey
Member of Congress

PROTECTING AMERICAN JOBS

Posey, White House Trade Advisor Discuss Approach to China

Posey met recently to discuss regulatory and trade issues, specifically why addressing China was critical to both our long-term economic health and our national security. Posey has long been an advocate for combatting overregulation and cutting burdensome red-tape which he believes hampers our ability to compete. The good news

is that the Trump Administration is working to address these issues and level the playing field with China.

In addition to creating a more competitive economic environment here in the U.S., Navarro elaborated on the serious threat to our security that China poses as it has a history of hacking our computers, stealing American intellectual property, forcing technology transfers, and manipulating its currency to give itself an unfair competitive edge. Navarro also noted that China is the main culprit in dumping large amounts of fentanyl, an opioid and form of synthetic heroine, on our streets. Fentanyl is highly addictive, even in small amounts. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly 29,000 Americans died from an overdose involving fentanyl in 2017.

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Protecting Access to Medical Care is a Top Priority

Making health care more affordable and improving access to health care are priorities for Rep. Posey. Legislative initiatives that Rep. Posey has undertaken include:

Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care – H.R. 3107 ends insurance companies' use of a prior approval process to delay care. **Protecting Those with Pre-Existing Conditions.**

Opposing Changes to Medicare proposed by “Medicare for All”. Early Onset Alzheimers' Assistance through expansion of the *Older Americans Act services* (H.R. 1903).

Insurance Affordability – H.R. 1398 repeals federal tax on health plans. ***Cancer Drug Parity Act*** (H.R. 1730) ensures equal access to oral cancer drugs.

Improving Colorectal Cancer and Bone Density Screenings (H.R. 1703/H.R. 2693).

Lowering Prescription Drug Prices – Cosponsoring H.R. 1034 and H.R. 1035 cutting drug prices for all Americans.

Ensuring Continuity of Care for patients by banning unnecessary STEP therapy (H.R. 2774).

Ending Surprise Medical Bills (H.R. 3502).

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ---

Posey's Flood Mapping Reform Advances through Committee



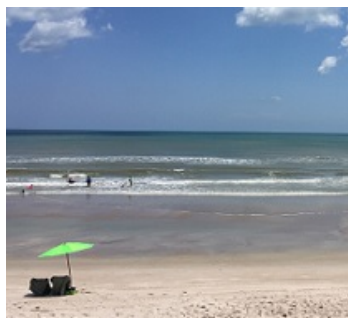
Rep. Posey discusses flood insurance reform with the Realtors Association of Indian River.

A reform measure by Rep. Posey was included in H.R.3167, the National Flood Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2019, which was approved by the House Financial Services Committee in June.

Posey's proposal (H.R. 342, the FIRM IT Act) helps FEMA update floodplain maps by requiring the Department of Defense, U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to share all their relevant maps for flood insurance purposes with FEMA. Posey noted that in many cases we haven't updated our floodplain maps in 20 years and that this proposal will help us do that cheaper, faster, and more accurately. "It's a win for both taxpayers and for those enrolled in the flood insurance program," said Rep. Posey.

ENVIRONMENT ---

House Passes Posey's Bipartisan Coastal Acidification Bill



During the Summer, the House passed Rep. Posey's bipartisan legislation to fight coastal acidification and help estuaries like our Indian River Lagoon. Posey introduced the National Estuaries and Acidification Research Act (H.R. 988) with Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL), both fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Estuary Caucus.

The bill directs the Ocean Studies Board of National Academies to conduct a two-year study examining the science of ocean

acidification and its impact on our estuaries. Posey said the goal is to create a better understanding of coastal acidification so we can better manage and mitigate its effects on our nation's estuaries and other natural treasures.

Posey's Bipartisan Harmful Algal Blooms Legislation Signed into Law



Bipartisan legislation co-authored by Rep. Posey to fight harmful algal blooms was signed into law at the beginning of the year. The legislation reauthorizes important research programs and includes new tools to help communities prevent and combat future algal blooms and hypoxia events like the ones threatening the health of our Indian River Lagoon.

“Many of our estuaries like our Indian River Lagoon are experiencing serious health challenges and this important bipartisan legislation will help better position our communities to fight harmful algal blooms and mitigate their effects,” said Rep. Posey, founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Estuary Caucus.

Along with reauthorizing important research programs, the legislation, now law, strengthens the Interagency Task Force, increases collaboration among agencies and cuts through government red tape when it comes to harmful algal blooms and hypoxia forecasting. It also further recognizes that harmful algal blooms are events of national significance that will likely have detrimental environmental, economic, or public health consequences.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES _____

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 local staff (*pictured right*) 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 or Washington office at 202-225-3671. We're here to serve you.

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