



CONGRESSMAN

Jim Sensenbrenner

Getting the Job Done



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Dear Friends,

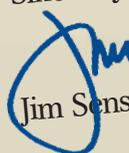
Greetings! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits.

As your Representative in Congress, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the services I offer my constituents. Enclosed in this newsletter, you will see the different ways in which I can be of assistance to you. Please look at the list of Office Hours and Town Hall Meetings carefully, so that you can attend one or more of them if you would like to share your views with me in person.

You will also read about legislation I have worked on, and will be working on, as Wisconsin's Fifth District Representative. I will introduce legislation to make the 9/11 Intelligence Reform bill stronger, so that states stop issuing drivers' licenses to illegal aliens. I will also continue my efforts as the government's watchdog on anti-terrorism legislation, ensuring that both our safety and our civil liberties are protected. As I chair House Judiciary Committee deliberations on the PATRIOT Act, you can be sure that the government's testimony will receive intense scrutiny.

With Americans beginning the new year, and getting ready to start new endeavors, Congress will work right alongside them, in an effort to help make this a happy, healthy, and safe new year.

Sincerely,


Jim Sensenbrenner

Drivers' Licenses For Illegal Aliens?

Late last year, President Bush signed into law the 9/11 Intelligence Reform bill. As a result of the Senate's unwillingness to compromise, the President was presented with a flawed bill since it lacks some very important provisions critical to homeland security. I voted against the bill because it didn't prevent states from issuing drivers' licenses to illegal aliens.

Currently, Wisconsin is one of about ten states that issue drivers' licenses to illegal aliens. Considering that the 19 hijackers responsible for the attacks of September 11, 2001, had multiple drivers' licenses in their possession, I believe that no intelligence bill can be complete without addressing this paramount issue.

The Senate rejected this provision by claiming, among other reasons, that it was too controversial. Failing to see the intelligence of this comment, I have decided to introduce early in the 109th Congress legislation that will contain the vital provisions dropped from the bill sent to President Bush. These common-sense provisions are aimed at preventing another 9/11-type attack by plugging the holes in our nation's homeland security efforts.

Highlights of my Border Security and Immigration Legislation

My bill will:

-  **Include strong security standards for the issuance of drivers' licenses**
 - proof of lawful presence in the U.S.
 - temporary driver's license expires when an alien's visa expires
-  **Tighten asylum system abused by terrorists**
 - allow immigration judges to determine witness credibility in asylum cases
 - keep terrorists out of U.S. by ensuring all terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility are grounds for deportation
-  **Close the 3-Mile Hole in the U.S./Mexico Border Fence Near San Diego**

Congressman Sensenbrenner's accomplishments in the areas of medical education and health care include:

- Support of the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health
- Support for an increase in the Medicare reimbursement rate
- Support of a successful amendment that exempts the national residency match program for medical school graduates from anti-trust laws

Wisconsin Internet Access Tax Stopped

On November 1, 2006, the people of Wisconsin will have one less tax to pay when the Internet access tax is eliminated.

After working fervently on this issue, I was able to reach an agreement with the Senate on a bill that exempts Wisconsinites from having to pay taxes when they log on to the Internet. I pushed to eliminate this tax immediately, but some Senators, led by Senator Herb Kohl, objected and insisted that the taxation continue until November 1, 2006.

Most people in America don't pay a tax to log onto the Internet because, in 1998, Congress passed a bill which prevented states from doing so. This law was supposed to help all Americans, particularly low-income individuals and families, by stopping states from levying yet another onerous tax upon their residents.

But before the 1998 moratorium, some states were already collecting Internet access taxes. To allow them time to cut spending or find alternative revenue sources, a number of these states, including Wisconsin, were given an exemption under the bill's "grandfather" provision. Under the leadership of Governor Jim Doyle, Wisconsin is one such state that has attempted to use this exemption as a permanent source of revenue, and in 2002, it billed Wisconsin Internet users an estimated \$24.3 million for accessing the Internet.

Removing this tax is a step toward eliminating Wisconsin's well documented 'high-tax' reputation. While Governor Doyle and Senator Kohl support this tax and believe that the money should go to the state, I believe this tax should be eliminated, so that the people of Wisconsin can decide how best to spend their own money. Beginning November 1, 2006, this will finally happen.



Congressman Sensenbrenner (right) is honored by the Medical College of Wisconsin with an Appreciation Award, in recognition of his leadership and work in Congress for the advancement of the College's mission of excellence.

- Spearheading the Medical College's efforts in Congress to secure federal funds to help build its new biomedical research building

An Agenda Supported by the American Public

On November 2, President Bush became the first president in nearly 70 years to gain a second term to the White House while maintaining and growing his party's majority in the House and Senate. The President obtained more than 50% of the American vote for the first time since his father became president in 1988.

As we prepare to start off the new year and new Congress, armed with the endorsement of the American people and an increased majority in the House and Senate, I look forward to a year during which Congress can address some unfinished business:

Border security and immigration legislation — First and foremost, you can expect to see a bill on the House floor dealing with vital provisions left out of the 9/11 Intelligence reform bill.

Anti-terrorism legislation — Over the course of 2005, the PATRIOT Act will be scrutinized and carefully deliberated, as we make sure that we're taking the right steps to protect Americans – and all innocent citizens – from the cowardly actions of terrorists.

Tax cuts — The House will press for extending the tax cuts that have helped ameliorate the economy by providing small businesses and families with more disposable income. Combined with President Bush's various jobs growth packages, our nation has seen 15 straight months of job gains through November, and we will work to continue this trend.

Healthcare — In the area of healthcare, Congress will pick up where it left off last year when we passed a Medicare reform bill to help people with their healthcare costs, and especially prescription drugs.

Legal reform — Congress needs to rein in the plague of frivolous and outrageous lawsuits, particularly medical malpractice lawsuits, which contribute to soaring healthcare costs in Wisconsin and across the nation.

Bankruptcy — Bankruptcy filings continue to break records and strain the system's resources with nearly 1.7 million bankruptcy cases filed in fiscal year 2003. The House has repeatedly passed bankruptcy reform legislation to assist people who genuinely need assistance in getting back up on their feet, but the Senate has failed to do its part.

Undoubtedly, over the next two years, we will be under the watchful eye of the American public, and the headlines of every newspaper will center on our actions. But Congress has the support of a majority of Americans, and I look forward to being a part of making these reforms a reality.

How Can I Help?

Problems With Federal Agencies:

Federal agencies can be extremely frustrating to deal with at times. One of the most important jobs I have is assisting my constituents when they are having difficulty with an agency. Some of the agencies my office can help you with include:

Social security
IRS

Medicare
Military

Veterans
Immigration

US Service Academy Appointments:

Every year I recommend a select group of high school graduates from my district for admission to one of our nation's Service Academies. If you are interested, call or write the Brookfield office for more information and the proper forms. The deadline for submitting a completed application is October 15, 2005.

Tours and Tourist Attractions:

My staff is pleased to provide a comprehensive list of museums in the Washington, DC area. When you plan on visiting Washington, let us know so we can help with tours of the US Capitol, White House, Supreme Court, and others. Be sure to contact us early for your best chance to get tours.

Speaking Engagements:

I'm available to visit and speak at local schools, clubs, and organizations interested in political issues impacting Wisconsin. Please contact my Brookfield office to schedule a visit.

Capitol Flags:

To purchase an American flag flown over the US Capitol, call my office, or visit my website. There is a limit of three per household.

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Visit my website to learn about my positions on various issues and progress in Congress. It is updated regularly with information on the various constituent services I provide.

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You're Invited...

I host scores of Town Hall Meetings and Office Hours to provide you the chance to express your views on the issues before Congress or to help you with problems you may be experiencing in dealing with a federal agency. This newsletter includes my schedule of meetings for the next several weeks, and I invite you to attend one or more of them. Whether you need help or not, I hope you'll stop by to say hello and introduce yourself. Please contact my district office if you require special accommodations to attend.

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— OFFICE HOURS —

Monday, January 24

8:30am	Helenville Fire Hall	2:00pm	Nashotah Village Hall
9:15am	Sullivan Village Hall	2:45pm	Merton Town Hall
10:00am	Palmyra Village Hall	3:30pm	Merton Village Hall
11:00am	Dousman Village Hall	4:15pm	Pewaukee Village Hall
11:45am	Genesee Town Hall		
12:30pm	Wales Village Hall		

Monday, January 31

9:00am	Newburg Village Hall
9:45am	Fredonia Village Hall
10:30am	Belgium Village Hall
11:15am	Saukville Village Hall
1:30pm	River Hills Village Hall
2:15pm	Fox Point Village Hall
3:00pm	Bayside Village Hall

Friday, February 11

11:00am	Butler Village Hall
11:45am	Lannon Village Hall
1:30pm	Sussex Village Hall
2:30pm	Jackson Village Hall
3:15pm	Addison Town Hall
4:00pm	Kewaskum Village Hall

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TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Sunday, January 23 7:00pm West Bend City Hall	Saturday, February 12 1:00pm Richfield Town Hall
Monday, January 24 7:00pm Whitefish Bay Village Hall	Sunday, February 13 7:00pm Port Washington Police Dept.
Sunday, January 30 7:00pm Oconomowoc City Hall	Monday, February 14 7:00pm Waukesha State Bank (Downtown Waukesha)
Monday, January 31 7:00pm Brookfield Safety Bldg.	Saturday, March 12 9:00am Wauwatosa Public Library
Saturday, February 12 9:00am Johnson Creek Village Hall	Saturday, March 12 3:00pm Cedarburg Police Dept.
Sunday, March 13 7:00pm Shorewood Village Hall	