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Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner

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How can I help?

By the time I hear about problems my constituents are experiencing with the federal government, it's likely they have already tried unsuccessfully to resolve the issue on their own, and they are frustrated. They have sat on hold on an IRS 800 number, or written correspondence to the VA that has gone unanswered, or maybe even waited years for Social Security to make a decision that directly impacts their quality of life. Here's where I step in. I help my constituents navigate the bureaucratic maze and ensure they are going to the right place for their questions to be answered.

So whether it's assisting a couple who have been waiting patiently to finalize their adoption in a foreign country, expediting a passport application, helping a returning Iraqi veteran receive his education benefits, or getting to the right person at the IRS, I am proud of my efforts to help my constituents. It's one of the most important responsibilities of my job.

If you are experiencing a problem with a federal agency, do not hesitate to contact my District Office at (262) 784-1111.

Contact Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner

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INCREASING DEBT

Wisconsin residents and citizens across the nation made their voices clear. They said they wanted our fiscal house restored to order. I agree. As this newsletter goes to print, Congress is still trying to pass a budget—one that keeps necessary programs while also cutting spending to better get our debt and deficit under control.

The numbers speak for themselves: Wisconsin has a \$3.6 billion deficit, and our nation has a \$1.65 trillion deficit. We're not just broke. We've emptied the piggy banks and maxed out our credit cards. There isn't any money left in government. Right now, we're borrowing 42 cents on every dollar—most of which we're borrowing from China. We absolutely can't continue down this path.

The percentage of our debt in foreign holdings increased from 5 percent in 1970, to 47 percent in 2010—that's growth of more than one percent for each of the last 40 years. That's not sustainable. Currently, the government is spending over a trillion dollars more than it takes in. As our debt growth exceeds that of the overall economy, paying that debt requires more of the national income, and we need to borrow even more to keep the government running and honor our debt payments. Furthermore, as foreigners own nearly half of all publicly held U.S. debt, our vulnerability in the world only increases while our control over our own destiny decreases. For example, foreigners losing confidence in our fiscal sustainability and economic viability could demand higher interest rates to calm their perceived risks of holding our debt.

This needs a fix, and I don't believe the solution is to simply raise taxes. First, we can't resort to tax hikes every time the country needs money as our default option—especially when the public sector grows while the private sector scales back; and second, when government raises taxes, that money tends to be spent on other government programs, not to reducing our debt and deficit—where it is desperately needed.

WHO OWNS OUR DEBT?



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

House Republicans are working toward a government budget that cuts spending, reins in programs we can ill afford, and begins examining how we can best reform entitlement programs—because if we don't, our debt will continue to grow, and the problems in our state and our nation will only worsen.

Cutting spending and programs is never easy. People are inevitably affected in the process, but the only way we will return to prosperity is to make the tough choices and move forward.

CIVILITY IN GOVERNMENT

One of the greatest things about democracy is the opportunity for public involvement. A civic-minded public is a cornerstone of a working democracy; however, for democracy to truly work, civility must prevail.

For years, I've been holding Town Hall Meetings throughout my District to ensure residents have an opportunity to ask questions and share the issues on their mind. On average, I hold more meetings than any other Member of Congress, and I have a standing invitation to local representatives to join me at these meetings, given the sometimes complex differences between state and federal issues.

Recently, at the Wauwatosa Town Hall Meeting, held at the library, I adjourned a Town Hall Meeting early for the first time ever. After 30 minutes of interruptions, chants, and shouting, and my repeated requests for attendees to be polite to the speaker, honor the library rules, and respect other patrons were ignored, it was clear that with emotions running

so high, nothing further would be accomplished in the meeting.

While emotions and passions can run high, the vast majority of people attending these meetings have always been "Wisconsin nice." Even during last year's intense health care debate, a respectful discourse was maintained at all my meetings.

Our state and nation must address critical issues right now. And to solve these problems and become prosperous again, we must rationally talk with each other and listen to what others are saying. We can disagree without being completely disrespectful.

Included in this newsletter is my list of upcoming Town Hall Meetings. I welcome everyone to these meetings and will continue to work to maintain that individuals who are taking the time to come are respected, safe, and hear a civil discourse in what I always hope are productive, educational and informative meetings.



Congressman Sensenbrenner recently visited Rockwell Automation in Mequon to accept the non-partisan Manufacturing Legislative Excellence Award from the National Association of Manufacturers in recognition of his consistent and strong support for manufacturers and their employees. NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons said, "A vibrant manufacturing base is vital to getting our economy turned around and ensuring quality of life for all Americans. It is critical to have lawmakers like Congressman Sensenbrenner whose actions consistently match their words when it comes to a pro-manufacturing agenda for economic growth and job creation."

Please Join Me at an Upcoming Town Hall Meeting or Office Hours

I welcome and encourage you to attend one or more of my Town Hall Meetings and Office Hours. I also invite you to come if you are experiencing problems with a federal agency and need assistance. If you need any special accommodations, please contact my district office at (262) 784-1111.

Saturday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Hartford City Hall
1:00 p.m. Delafield City Hall

Sunday, April 3

1:00 p.m. New Berlin City Hall

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Elm Grove Village Hall
1:00 p.m. Thiensville Village Hall

Sunday, April 10

1:00 p.m. Hartland Village Hall

Saturday, April 16

9:00 a.m. Oconomowoc City Hall
1:00 p.m. Grafton Village Hall

Sunday, April 17

1:30 p.m. Brown Deer Village Hall

Monday, April 18

8:30 a.m. Helenville Fire Hall
9:15 a.m. Sullivan Village Hall
10:00 a.m. Palmyra Village Hall
11:00 a.m. Dousman Village Hall
11:45 a.m. Genesee Town Hall
12:30 p.m. Wales Village Hall
2:15 p.m. Nashotah Village Hall
3:00 p.m. Merton Town Hall
3:45 p.m. Merton Village Hall

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Cedarburg Police Department

Wednesday, April 20

9:00 a.m. Kewaskum Village Hall
10:00 a.m. Addison Town Hall
10:45 a.m. Jackson Village Hall
12:45 p.m. Sussex Village Hall
1:30 p.m. Lannon Village Hall
2:30 p.m. Butler Village Hall

Thursday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Newburg Village Hall
9:45 a.m. Fredonia Town & Village Hall
10:30 a.m. Belgium Village Hall
11:30 a.m. Saukville Village Hall
1:15 p.m. River Hills Village Hall
2:00 p.m. Fox Point Police Department
2:45 p.m. Bayside Village Hall

Monday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Mequon Public Safety Building

Saturday, May 14

9:00 a.m. Germantown Village Hall
1:00 p.m. Waukesha Public Library

Sunday, May 15

1:00 p.m. Slinger Village Hall

Monday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Richfield Village Hall

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 p.m. Delafield Town Hall

Sunday, May 22

7:00 p.m. Pewaukee City Hall

Sunday, June 12

7:00 p.m. West Bend City Hall

Monday, June 20

7:00 p.m. West Allis Public Library

Sunday, June 26

7:00 p.m. Brookfield Public Safety Building



Congressman Sensenbrenner holding a Town Hall Meeting in March at the West Bend City Hall.

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