



CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS (D-GA) 112TH CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Congressman John Lewis represents the 5th Congressional District of Georgia, which includes the city of Atlanta and spans Fulton, DeKalb, and Clayton counties. He serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and as the Senior Chief Deputy Democratic Whip.

During the 112th Congress, Rep. Lewis achieved both legislative and policy successes including:

- The introduction and passage of a **tax relief bill for workers affected by airline bankruptcies**. The bill allowed their bankruptcy payments to be transferred to retirement accounts without penalties;
- Working with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to secure an emergency release of **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** funds to help Metro Atlanta families pay their energy bills;
- Building a bipartisan, bicameral coalition to include the **Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act** in Public Law No: 112-141, MAP-21, the surface transportation reauthorization bill;
- Securing inclusion of the **SMART Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Act** in all versions of legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA);
- Partnering with the Department of the Treasury and the White House to make significant changes to the stalled **Hardest Hit Program (HHF)** initiated to help unemployed homeowners with their monthly mortgage payments;
- Building bipartisan support for the **Family Act** which provides tax credits for infertility treatments;
- Sponsoring the **Kidney Disease Equitable Access, Prevention, and Research Act** to improve Medicare benefits for individuals with kidney disease; and
- Joining with Senator Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY), Assistant Leader Jim Clyburn (D-SC), Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer (D-MD), House Administration Committee Ranking Member Robert Brady (D-PA), and House Judiciary Committee Ranking Member John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI) to introduce the **Voter Empowerment Act** -- the most comprehensive proposal to update our nation's voting systems.