

35 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP & PROGRESS

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 116TH CONGRESS (2019-2020)

RESPONING TO THE CONTINUING CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, which provided \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak. (Signed into Law – PL 116-123)

FAMILIES FIRST CORONVAIRUS RESPONSE ACT, which provided paid sick leave, tax credits, free COVID-19 testing, expanded food assistance, unemployment benefits, and increased Medicaid funding, in response to the coronavirus outbreak. (Signed into Law – PL 116-127)

CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT OF 2020, which provided \$2.2 trillion to provide fast and direct economic aid to the American people negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. (Signed into Law – PL 116-136)

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT, which provided key additional funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing in response to the coronavirus outbreak. (Signed into Law – PL 116-139)

OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS AND CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PACKAGE, a spending bill comprised of 12 FY2021 appropriations bills, coronavirus relief and authorizations. It included \$900 billion in emergency coronavirus relief – including but not limited to accelerating vaccine distribution, direct payments to Americans, strong support for small businesses, housing assistance, strengthened the earned income tax credit, Child Tax Credit and low-income housing tax credit, enhanced unemployment benefits, and nutrition assistance for struggling families. (Signed into Law – PL 116-226)

NATIONAL SECURITY

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT, bipartisan, bicameral legislation that honors our values, strengthens our security and advances America's leadership in the world. The NDAA has been passed on a bipartisan, bicameral basis for sixty years — and yet President Trump vetoed this essential legislation. The House and Senate both voted to override his reckless veto and the NDAA was enacted into law. (Became Law — PL 116-283)

TAX AND TRADE

UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT, legislation substituting NAFTA – a mutually beneficial win for North American workers, farmers, ranchers and businesses. It creates more balanced, reciprocal trade supporting high-paying jobs for Americans and grows the North American economy. (Signed into Law – PL 116-113)

SECURE ACT/GOLD STAR FAMILY TAX RELIEF ACT, a bill to expand opportunities for Americans to increase their retirement savings and provide urgent tax relief to Gold Star families by repealing the 'widow's tax increase' provision of the 2017 GOP Tax Scam law. This bill was signed into law as part of a larger appropriations bill. (Signed into Law – PL 116-94)

STANDING UP FOR HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS

HONG KONG HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY ACT, bipartisan and bicameral legislation that reaffirms our commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law in the face of Beijing's crackdown on Hong Kong democracy protestors. This bill would impose sanctions and visa restrictions on individuals responsible for human rights abuses against anyone in Hong Kong. (Signed into law – PL 116-76)

UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ACT, a bill to authorize mandatory sanctions and visa bans on any entities responsible for human rights abuses against Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic groups in Xinjiang. (Signed into Law – PL 116-145)

HONG KONG AUTONOMY ACT, legislation requiring the imposition of sanctions on Chinese individuals and banks who are included in an annual State Department list found to be subverting Hong Kong's autonomy. (Signed into Law – PL 116-149)

PRESERVING PUBLIC LANDS

JOHN D. DINGELL, JR. CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT AND RECREATION ACT, a package of bills including a permanent authorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and designations for 1.3 million acres of new wilderness, protections for a million acres of public lands from mining, and measures to save taxpayers \$9 million. (Signed into Law – PL 116-9)

GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT, a bill to provide permanent, full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and establish the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund. (Signed into Law – PL 116-152)

9/11

NEVER FORGET THE HEROES: JAMES ZADROGA, RAY PFEIFER & LUIS ALVAREZ PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION OF 9/11 VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND ACT, legislation to permanently reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001 to ensure that all people suffering from illnesses related to 9/11 or by the debris removal and clean-up efforts in their aftermath and their families get the full awards they have been promised. (Signed into Law – PL 116-134)