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DEAR BRONX NEIGHBOR

Dear Neighbor,

This "Report to The Bronx" was prepared to update you on some of my recent actions as your Congressman including obtaining over \$35.5 million in federal funds and grants in the last eighteen months and my legislation to dramatically decrease American's dependence on foreign oil.

You can find additional information on my record as your Member of Congress by going to <http://engel.house.gov/>.

You can also sign up to receive special e-mail issue updates by clicking on "Sign up for Eliot's E-mail Updates" and completing the form or calling my Bronx office and asking to receive e-mail updates.

As always, if my office can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate contact my Bronx District Office or my Congressional Office in Washington, D.C.

I also ask that you continue to send me your opinions and suggestions on the issues facing the Bronx and our nation.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress

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Report to The Bronx

An update from
Congressman **Eliot Engel**



Congressman Engel speaking at a press conference opposing the closing of the firehouse in Woodlawn. Also pictured are Father Richard Gorman, Community Board 12 Chair, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion and Fire Union Vice President Jim Slevin. They, along with Councilman Koppell, Assemblyman Dinowitz and Senator Klein, are working to keep fire service in Woodlawn.

Sponsoring Legislation to Solve Problems

Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act. This legislation would mandate the full funding our schools were promised when the No Child Left Behind Act was passed.

Truth in Caller ID Act. As part of his efforts to stop identity theft, Engel co-authored legislation to prevent criminals from using fake caller ID services. Criminals have used them to get social security numbers and other personal information.

The FamilyCare Act. It would make parents of children eligible for the State Children's Health Insurance Program and Medicaid also eligible.

The Medicare Early Access Act. It would allow people 55 to 64 to purchase Medicare coverage with a subsidized premium.

**Congressman Eliot Engel:
A full-service Bronx office
to help solve problems**

Engel Fights Against High Gas Prices and to Reduce Foreign Oil Dependency

"It is an outrage that we now have to pay over \$3 for a gallon of gas. The oil industry is reaping billions in profits as hard working Americans struggle to fill their tanks," Congressman Engel stated.

As the co-chair and founder of the bipartisan Oil and National Security Caucus, he has made renewable energy and energy independence a top priority.

To cut foreign oil dependence and lower gas prices, he co-authored the Fuel Choices for American Security Act, which mandates 2.5 million barrels a day in oil-savings in just ten years. It would encourage the mass-production of cars that can burn any combination of gasoline and alternative fuels such as ethanol or powered by fuel efficient hybrid engines.

Engel speaking at the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program meeting he held in the Bronx to give seniors information on the program. He voted against the Part D legislation because it failed to provide seniors with relief from the high cost of prescription drugs and is overly complex.



Engel Supports Fair and Just Reform of America's Immigration Laws

Congressman Eliot Engel is a strong supporter of the Secure America and Orderly Immigration Act, the House of Representatives' version of legislation sponsored by United States Senators Edward Kennedy and John McCain.

"America was founded by

immigrants, expanded through the hard work and labor of immigrants. While we want to insure our laws are enforced, we must update and streamline the immigration process to make it fairer," he stated at a recent immigrant rally in Washington, DC.

Congressman Eliot Engel Obtains Federal Funds and Grants for the Bronx

Congressman Eliot Engel has obtained over \$35.5 million in federal funds and grants for the Bronx in just the last eighteen months.

The Federal funds and grants include \$199,900 for a mentoring program in School Board 9, \$562,689 for a learning support center in Education Region 1 and a \$990,614 Teaching American History grant.

Health care will be improved in your community. Over \$4.5 million was secured for the Bronx Community Health Network and over \$5.5 million went to The Bronx Community Health Center, Montefiore Medical Center and Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center.

He obtained \$5,875,200 for senior housing that is being sponsored by the United Church of Christ. The Headstart programs at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center and the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center in the Bronx received over \$1.3 million.

The Hebrew Home for the Aged received funds for transportation for the elderly and disabled and for health care. Funds were obtained for youth services and training for the Bronx Cluster of Settlement Houses and National Endowment for the Arts funds were obtained for Wave Hill.

The City received funds to continue work on connecting Shoelace Park to Bronx Park.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie, Bronx District Attorney Rob Johnson, Elizabeth Gill, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, Congressman Engel, Community Board 12 District Manager Carmen Anguira and Bronx Assistant Chief Thomas Purtell after discussing community issues.



Millions for Community and Road Improvements

Congressman Eliot Engel has worked to obtain millions for Bronx improvements. The funds obtained include:

**Congressman Eliot Engel:
\$35.5 Million for the Bronx since January 2004**

- Diamond grinding to the roadway to reduce noise caused by traffic on Mosholu Parkway and I-95
- The study and design of pedestrian walkways in our neighborhoods to improve safety near public schools
- \$1,450,000 to change the abandoned Putnam Rail Line along the Major Deegan Expressway into a new pedestrian greenway
- \$750,000 for the 233rd Street area connection to the Bronx River Greenway
- Funds for the City to improve truck routing to keep trucks out of residential neighborhoods
- A bus system between Jacobi Medical Center and the North Central Bronx Hospital
- \$800,000 to repair and improve the Step Streets
- Transportation improvement in and around the Bronx Zoo

In addition Engel worked with other members of the City's Congressional delegation to secure funds so that the City can make on-going street and bridge repairs.