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Bronx Report

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DEAR BRONX NEIGHBOR,

I have prepared this Report to update you on some of my work as your Member of Congress.

This includes obtaining millions in Federal funds for the Bronx and for your neighborhood.

My Bronx neighborhood office has also assisted people and communities in solving problems. If we can be of assistance to you, please call, stop by or write to my office at 3655 Johnson Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463 or call 718-796-9700.

You can find additional information on my record in Congress at my website: <http://engel.house.gov> You can also sign up for special e-mail reports and updates by clicking on "Eliot's E-mail Updates" on the website.

As always, I ask that you send me your opinions, views and suggestions on the issues facing your neighborhood, the Bronx and our nation.

Sincerely,

Eliot L. Engel
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Member of Congress



Congressman Eliot Engel Obtains Millions in Federal Funds for the Bronx

Since 2007, Congressman Eliot Engel has obtained \$79.3 million in Federal funds for our Bronx neighborhoods. This includes:

\$14 million for Senior Housing

\$14,015,500 was obtained for housing sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul that allows seniors to live in a community as independently as possible.

\$4.3 million for Education in Our Schools

Congressman Eliot Engel secured a \$4,304,762 education grant for magnet schools in School Districts 9 and 10. The funds will be used to enhance classroom instruction and improve student achievements.

Additional funds were obtained for foreign language instruction, improving technology at DeWitt Clinton High School, and for area colleges.

\$1 million for Kingsbridge Heights Head Start

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center received \$1,073,007 in Federal funds to expand and improve its Head Start program.

\$5 million Grant for Health Care Jobs

Congressman Engel worked to obtain a \$5 million Recovery Act grant to train and place an estimated 1,000 people in the Bronx for health care jobs, an area of growing employment demand.

\$8 million for Bronx Community Health Network

To improve health care and make it more affordable, \$8,091,547 was obtained for the Bronx Community Health Network. Founded in 1996, The Network provides health care services to low-income, medically underserved Bronx residents. In addition, millions were obtained for the Montefiore Medical Center for health care services.

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Combating Hate Crimes

Congressman Engel worked to pass a new law to provide Federal grants to police departments and prosecutors to prevent and prosecute hate crimes, including those based on a victim's race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual identity and disability.

Even More Federal Funds for the Bronx Highways Resurfaced, Bridge Repaired

Recovery Act funds will be used to resurface roads in the Bronx, including sections of the Major Deegan, and the West 238th Street Bridge will be repaired.

Other Funds

Other Federal funds obtained include \$80,000 for Wave Hill, \$350,000 for youth programs at the Riverdale Neighborhood House, Mosholun Montefiore Community Center and Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, and \$180,000 for Friends of Van Cortlandt Park.

"Anti-Spoofing" Law Passes House

To fight against identity theft, Congressman Engel authored "**The Truth in Caller ID Act.**"

Congressman Engel's legislation makes "Spoofing" illegal. "Spoofing" is the technology that falsifies the name and phone number displayed on Caller ID. The bill recently passed the House of Representatives.

"Spoofing" is used to convince people to give up their Social Security and/or credit card numbers and other personal information. The information is then used to illegally withdraw money from their banks and fraudulently obtain credit cards.

"We need to crack down on fraudulent phone calls to help prevent identity theft, and to protect the legitimate uses of caller ID. Thousands are victimized by 'spoofing' every year, losing millions of dollars," Engel stated.

Similar legislation passed the United States Senate and the two bills will be reconciled in the near future.

Banning Texting While Driving

The Distracted Driving Prevention Act, co-authored by Congressman Engel, was introduced in Congress. It would provide incentives for states to make texting, e-mailing or talking on a non-hands-free cell phone while driving a primary offense. This will make our highways safer.

Credit Cardholders Bill of Rights

Congressman Engel was a strong supporter of the Credit Cardholder's Bill of Rights.

Among the consumer protections in the law are banning double-cycle billing, banning over the limit fees unless a person opts in, requiring payments to be applied to the highest interest rate balance first, and ending all retroactive interest rate hikes on existing balances unless payments are more than sixty days late.

USA Today reported the law will save credit card holders as much as \$5 billion this year.



Congressman Eliot Engel meets with New York City first responders and Congressman Jerrold Nadler after voting in the House Energy and Commerce committee for the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to discuss the Act.

Congressman Engel co-sponsored the legislation that provides comprehensive health care and compensation for the first responders and survivors who became sick because of the 9/11 attacks and the cleanup of Ground Zero.

DC backing new \$\$ for Ground Zero heroes

A bill backed by New York lawmakers to give federal benefits to people sickened by toxins at Ground Zero won approval yesterday in a key committee vote.

"This is the least we can do," said Rep. Eliot Engel (D-Bronx), a member of the House Energy and Commerce Com-

mittee, which OK'd health care and financial compensation for ailments contracted in the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Mayor Bloomberg said, "It's only fitting that we take care of those who survived the attacks, and those who risked their lives to save others."

The James Zadroga 9/11

Health and Compensation Act of 2010, named for an NYPD detective who died after inhaling toxic dust at Ground Zero, is expected to win passage from the full House.

"It's a great step forward. Hopefully, when it goes to a full vote, the politicians will recognize our suffering and our

work won't be forgotten," said retired NYPD Detective John Walcott, who developed leukemia in 2003, at age 38.

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