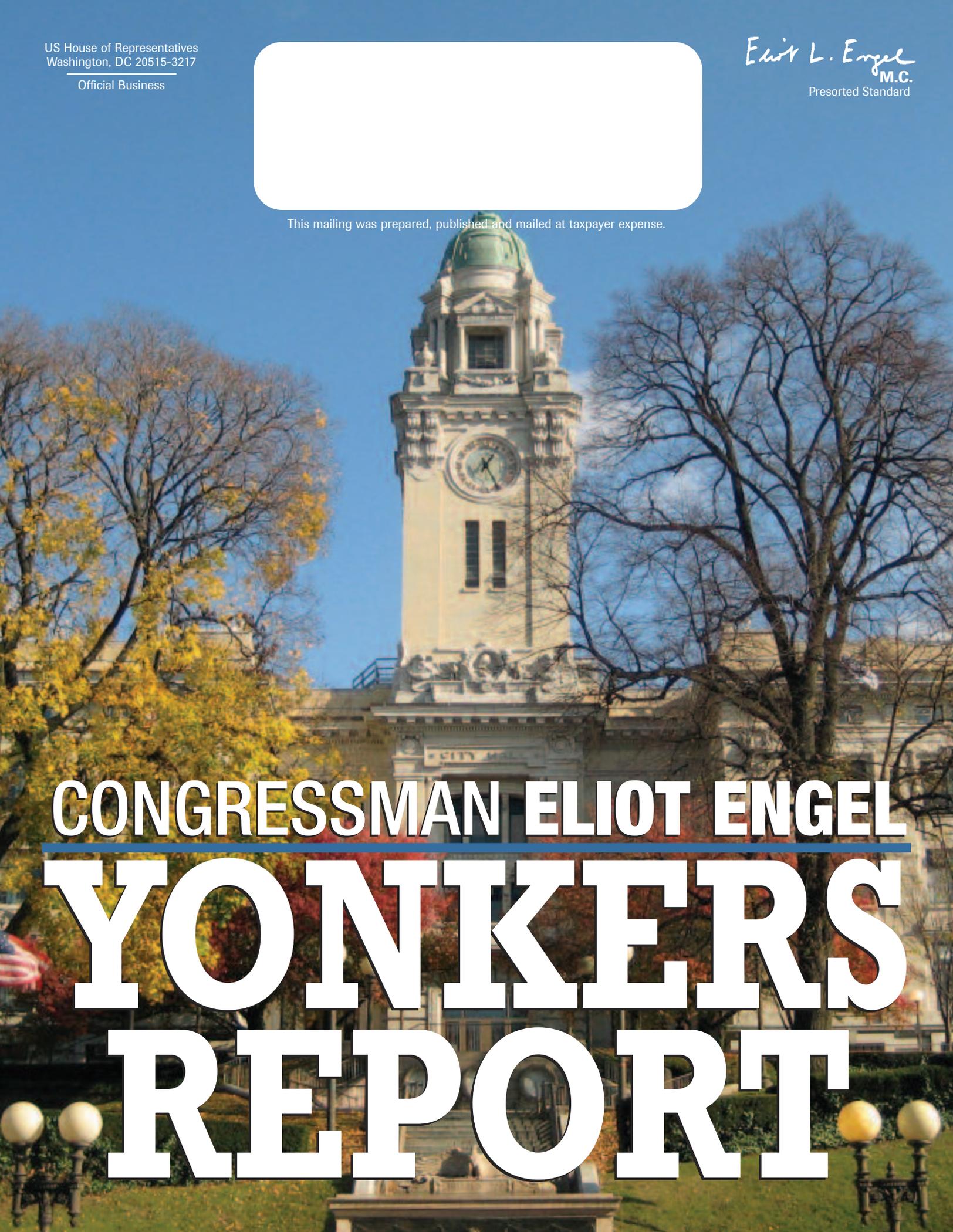


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**REPORT**

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# RESULTS FOR YONKERS

In the just the last year, Congressman Eliot Engel has worked to secure Yonkers over \$36.65 million in federal funds including:

## **\$14.712 Million for Schools**

Yonkers' public schools will be improved with Federal Title 1 and IDEA education funds Congressman Engel worked to obtain. "As a former school teacher, I know that money invested in education is the best investment a nation can make," he said.

The Title 1 funds can be used to modernize schools, create new jobs, prevent teacher layoffs and fund programs that had been cut.

The IDEA funds will be used to fund special education and services to students with disabilities.

## **\$1.823 Million Energy Grant**

Yonkers received a Federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation grant to assist Yonkers in reducing fossil fuels and energy use through energy audits, financial incentives for energy efficiency programs and retrofitting buildings with cleaner energy heating and cooling systems.

## **\$1.533 Million to Prevent Homelessness**

A Federal grant of \$1.533 million will help individuals and families facing a sudden financial crisis that could lead to homelessness. Congressman Engel stated "a little bit of financial assistance can often make the difference in preventing families from being forced to live in a shelter or on the streets."

The funds are used for limited term assistance to re-house or keep people and families in their homes, but cannot be used for mortgages.

## **Homeland Security Grant**

To help Yonkers improve its ability to respond to a catastrophe or terrorist attack, Congressman Engel worked to obtain a \$321,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

When the grant was announced Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone said, "I'd like to thank Congressman Engel for delivering once again for Yonkers."

## **\$1 Million for Community Development**

Yonkers received a \$1,001,857 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for rehabilitation of affordable housing and the construction and improvement of public buildings.

## **\$4 million to Improve Yonkers Public Housing**

In October, Congressman Engel announced that \$4 million had been obtained for Yonkers public housing.

The funds can be used to install high-efficiency boilers/furnaces, new energy star appliances and other improvements to prevent energy waste.

## **\$13.25 Million in Recovery Zone Bonds**

The Federal government will pay 45% of the interest on \$5.3 million in Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds that Yonkers can use for economic development projects.

Yonkers was also designated for \$7.95 million in Recovery Zone Facility Bonds to be used by private businesses to finance capital and job-creating projects.

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## **EXTENDING NEW HOMEOWNER TAX BREAKS AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

President Obama recently signed into law legislation supported by Congressman Engel that extended the \$8,000 first-time homeowner tax credit until April 30, 2010, and increased the income limits to \$125,000 for individuals and \$225,000 for joint filers.

The law also extended unemployment benefits by up to 14 additional weeks in all states, and up to 20 weeks in states, including New York, where the unemployment rate is over 8.5%.

## **COMBATING HATE CRIMES**

Engel supported the new law that provides Federal grants to police departments and prosecutors to prevent and prosecute hate crimes. These include crimes based on a victim's race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual identity and disability.

## **BANNING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING**

The Distracted Driving Prevention Act that would provide incentives for states to make texting, e-mailing or talking on a non-hands-free cell phone while driving a primary offense, co-authored by Congressman Engel, has been introduced in Congress.

