

Family

Child Protection and Safety Act

The protection of our nation's most vulnerable populations is of utmost concern to Congressman McCaul. This legislation creates a national sex offender registry, strengthens public notification requirements, adopts tough mandatory minimum sentences for kidnapping or sexually assaulting a child and increases law enforcement's ability to combat child pornography and the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet.

Improving Health Care for Seniors

Congressman McCaul believes that every senior should have the opportunity to choose their own health care plan that provides the best preventative care and lowest cost prescription drugs for their individual health care needs. Because of this, he was instrumental in developing a new benefit which brings seniors choices for prescription drug coverage through Medicare Part D. For more information on these new prescription drug plans, please call **1-800-MEDICARE** or visit www.medicare.gov.

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CONGRESSMAN

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2006 Congressional Update

"It is my distinct honor to serve you in the House of Representatives. In 2006 we passed legislation that improves our national security, helps to protect our families and strengthens our economy. I look forward to continuing the fight for these and other issues that matter most to you and other Americans."

— Congressman Michael McCaul



Growing the Economy



Securing our Borders



Protecting our Families



Winning the War on Terror



MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE 10TH DISTRICT

War on Terror

Continuing the Fight in the War on Terror

Our brave sons and daughters continue to fight courageously in the War on Terror. It is an ongoing battle to secure freedom and liberty worldwide. In 2005 alone:



- ★ Iraqi citizens voted for their elected officials;
- ★ Iraq ratified its Constitution;
- ★ The trial of the dictator Saddam Hussein began.

We must support our troops who are fighting for our freedom overseas. Funding for military personnel, operations, maintenance and procurement have all increased, including a well-deserved pay raise for our soldiers. Congressman McCaul will continue to fight on behalf of our troops at every given opportunity.

Supporting Our Troops and Veterans

I am committed to ensuring that our men and women who have served in the Armed Forces continue to receive quality benefits they have earned through their service. Last year, Congress provided tremendous support for our nation's veterans, such as:

- ✓ Concurrent receipt of military retirement and disability benefits for disabled military retirees;

- ✓ H.R. 1499, Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities Act, treats tax-free combat pay as taxable compensation to make annual IRA contributions, providing troops with up to \$70 million in tax benefits over the next 10 years;

- ✓ H.R. 5385, The Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2007, provides \$25 billion for Veteran's medical services and increases funding by \$20 million for facility improvements in existing veterans' homes.

- ✓ H.R. 5122, The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 authorizes \$512.9 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DoD) and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. It institutes a 2.7% pay raise for all members of the armed forces, and will block the DoD's proposed TRICARE fee increases.



Congressman McCaul meets with a veteran, and speaks about veterans issues at Travis County Council of Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Day event.

Economy

Creating Jobs

- ✓ The economy has created almost 2 million new jobs over the last 12 months.
- ✓ There have been 34 consecutive months of sustained job creation, and the unemployment rate is at 4.6%.



Cutting Spending

The Deficit Reduction Act reduces our nation's deficit by approximately \$50 billion over 5 years and will help to restrain spending, reform overgrown government programs and redesign the way taxpayer money is spent.

- ✓ The CBO recently announced that the budget deficit for FY06 decreased by \$127 billion representing a 30% decrease.
- ✓ Even with spending required on hurricane relief, the budget deficit is still on track to be cut in half by 2009.

Cutting Taxes

Congressman McCaul has helped to pass legislation that provides relief from the Death Tax, extends the State and Local Sales Tax Deduction, extends relief of the Capitol Gains & Dividends Tax and extends the R&D Tax Credit.

Responsible Energy Policy for America

Congressman McCaul is committed to the 21st Century energy needs for America by supporting legislation that:

- ✓ Stimulates the production of new domestic oil refineries by providing incentives such as a streamlined permit process;
- ✓ Reduces our dependence on foreign oil by allowing new domestic oil and gas exploration and development;
- ✓ Provides incentives for alternative and renewable energies including hydrogen fuel cells, clean coal technology, wind, solar and hydroelectricity;
- ✓ Granting coastal states permanent and unprecedented power to allow natural gas production and oil production 100 miles away from their coastlines, while enabling the U.S. to produce energy for Americans in the deep waters beyond 100 miles.



Border Security

Fighting Illegal Immigration

The time for meaningful immigration reform is now. Congressman McCaul supported and authored legislation in Congress that:

- ★ Does not reward illegal immigrants with amnesty;
- ★ Establishes physical barriers to stop illegal entry and incorporates state-of-the-art surveillance technology, including cameras, sensors, radar, satellite and Unmanned Arial Vehicles (UAVs);
- ★ Eliminates the practice of "Catch and Release," by requiring mandatory detention and deportation, and increases penalties for aliens re-entering illegally;
- ★ Reimburses local border sheriffs for detaining arrested illegal aliens until they are transferred to federal authorities.



Congressman McCaul discusses border security with the Texas Border Sheriffs.

Congressman McCaul wants to hear from you...

Please take a moment to fill out the survey below and send it back so that Congressman McCaul knows where you stand on the issues before Congress, and may send you periodic updates on these issues.

Do you support:

The federal government focusing on securing the border before it considers a "guest worker program?"

YES NO

Abolishing the current tax code and starting with one that is fairer and flatter?

YES NO

The war on terrorism and a victory in Iraq and Afghanistan as a key to winning the war on terror?

YES NO

Do you support off-shore drilling and alternative energy legislation which will work to reduce your gas prices at the pump?

YES NO

Would you like to receive periodic email updates on current issues in Congress?

YES NO

Email: _____