

CONGRESSMAN
KANJORSKI

LUZERNE COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Congressman Paul Kanjorski has a proven record of solving problems facing the citizens of Luzerne County. Since 2003, he has secured more than \$240 million for companies, non-profit organizations and governmental units within Luzerne County. Since 2003, county fire departments have received nearly \$6.5 million in grants and county police departments now have \$62,111 to buy bulletproof vests because of his efforts. He has also delivered much needed federal funds to help with flood protection, improving healthcare, job creation and community development.

Here are some examples of the accomplishments Congressman Kanjorski has made for you and your family.



EARTH CONSERVANCY

Congressman Kanjorski ensured that over 16,000 acres of former coal mine land belongs to a non-profit that has committed to preserving 2/3 of it in open space, instead of letting a landfill company dump Philadelphia and New York waste on it. To date, Earth Conservancy has reclaimed more than 1000 acres, preserved as green/recreational space more than 10,000 acres, and donated more than 100 acres to municipalities and other local entities.



WYOMING VALLEY LEVEE RAISING PROJECT

Congressman Kanjorski fought to make sure that the people of the Wyoming Valley can sleep well at night during heavy rains, knowing that the levees will protect them from the Susquehanna River spilling over its banks. The Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project has been a top priority for Congressman Kanjorski during his entire professional career, even before his time in Congress. He served as a volunteer counsel and advocate for victims of the Agnes flood while he was a practicing attorney in the Wyoming Valley. During Congressman Kanjorski's time in Congress, he has helped provide the funding for the levees. It is estimated that the levees prevented \$1 billion in damages during recent floods and they now provide residents with Agnes-level flood protection.



THE STEGMAIER

Congressman Paul Kanjorski turned an eyesore into a jewel at the major entrance into Wilkes-Barre and ensured the continuation of 400 federal jobs. For 20 years the former brewery stood vacant and rotting, until Congressman Kanjorski convinced the Postal Service to renovate it into office space.



PRESERVING LOCAL HOSPITALS

When President Bush tried closing the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre, Congressman Kanjorski collected 30,000 names on a petition and saved it from being shut down. Veterans have a first class hospital here because of the \$47 million in funding Congressman Kanjorski fought for to keep its doors open. Additionally, Congressman Kanjorski obtained \$94 million in additional Medicare payments to ensure the continued operation of Wyoming Valley Health Care System, Geisinger Wyoming Valley, Geisinger South Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton General Hospital.



KEEPING JOBS IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

The Social Security Building. Congressman Kanjorski ensured the continuation of 1,200 jobs by consolidating three separate operations in rented space into a permanent building owned by the federal government.

Other priorities for Congressman Kanjorski in the next Congress include:

- Approving actions to get America's economy working again;
- Making college affordable for all Americans;
- Creating a comprehensive energy plan including developing affordable, alternative energy;
- Giving more families an opportunity to fulfill the American dream and own a home; and
- Expanding American production of oil and gas to reduce gas prices and free us from dependence on foreign oil;
- Helping families facing foreclosure stay in their homes by providing needed assistance and counseling to homeowners.

Compare the Congressman's accomplishments to the record of Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta.

- Barletta sided with President George W. Bush on wanting to privatize Social Security, leaving our seniors' retirement at risk. Congressman Kanjorski wants to protect Social Security and make sure it is there to help future generations as well.
- Again siding with Bush, Barletta opposes health care for all Americans. Congressman Kanjorski wants health insurance for all Americans.
- Barletta improperly transferred over \$1.5 million out of the city's pension fund.
- Barletta was George W. Bush's campaign manager in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2004.

There are serious issues facing Pennsylvania today and only one candidate has plans to address all of those issues. He is the same candidate with a record of addressing the concerns and problems facing Northeastern Pennsylvania – **Paul Kanjorski.**

Bottom line – Lou Barletta creates problems, Paul Kanjorski solves them.