

CONGRESSMAN
KANJORSKI
COLUMBIA COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Just about everywhere you look in Columbia County, you can see the work of Congressman Paul Kanjorski. His dedication to the hardest working people in America has made our communities healthier, safer and more prosperous.

PROTECTING COLUMBIA COUNTY AND THE 11TH DISTRICT FROM FLOODS

Congressman Kanjorski last year secured \$44.5 million to pay for a flood protection project to prevent the kind of flooding we've seen in recent years along the Susquehanna River and Fishing Creek. That flooding caused millions in damages. Congressman Kanjorski also obtained a waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration so a private levee could be built near the Bloomsburg Municipal Airport. The \$4 million levee will protect more than 400 jobs in the area and allow the airport to continue with its expansion plans.

The Wyoming Valley Levee Raising Project has been a top priority for Congressman Kanjorski's during his time in Congress. Congressman Kanjorski took time off from his private law practice before his election to Congress to serve as volunteer counsel and advocate for victims of the Agnes flood. Deeply understanding the importance of this project, he has secured over \$250 million in federal funds for this project. It is estimated that the levees prevented \$1 billion in damages during recent floods and they now provide residents with Agnes-level flood protection.

IMPROVING HEALTHCARE IN COLUMBIA COUNTY HOSPITALS

Since 2004, Congressman Kanjorski has helped get more than \$10 million in additional Medicare payments for Bloomsburg Hospital and Berwick Hospital. In addition, Congressman Kanjorski secured \$334,000 for outfitting a cardiology center and catheterization laboratory at Bloomsburg Hospital. He has also helped to obtain a grant for Bloomsburg University's Department of Clinical Audiology worth more than three-quarters of a million dollars over the next four years.

Congressman Kanjorski favors a universal healthcare system that would provide health coverage for the 45 million Americans that currently live without health insurance and he has fought for the more than 1.8 million seniors in Pennsylvania on Medicare. He supports maintaining and expanding Medicare coverage for medical services.

In contrast, our opponent Lou Barletta unequivocally stated his opposition to a government-run national healthcare system, saying "the idea of government-run healthcare scares me to death." Barletta supports George W. Bush's healthcare policies – which have allowed insurance companies to make billions, and squeezing America's working families.



INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

Congressman Kanjorski won \$175,000 for the Bloomsburg Regional Community Technology Center –which is home to Bloomsburg University's Institute for Interactive Technologies. His worked also secured \$1 million in federal funds for the Berwick Eagles Building, which will become one-stop educational training, job placement center and a satellite campus for the Luzerne County Community College.

Other priorities for Congressman Kanjorski in the next Congress include:

- Approving actions to get America's economy working again;
- Creating a comprehensive energy plan including developing affordable, alternative energy;
- Expanding American production of oil and gas to reduce gas prices and free us from dependence on foreign oil;
- Making college affordable for all Americans;
- Giving more families an opportunity to fulfill the American dream and own a home; and
- 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.
- Barletta improperly transferred over \$1.5 million out of the city's pension fund.
- Again siding with Bush, Barletta opposes health care for all Americans. Congressman Kanjorski supports health insurance for all Americans.
- 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.

