

CONGRESSMAN
KANJORSKI
MONROE COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Just about everywhere you look in Monroe 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.

CREATING NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Congressman Kanjorski has secured valuable federal investment for projects throughout the county. Many of these projects are already creating jobs. His successes include:

- Obtaining grants, with Governor Rendell and the Department of Labor, of \$15 million for the retraining of individuals to work at Wall Street West, backup facilities for financial services companies in the case of future terrorist attacks. Half of this \$15 million has already been allocated to local colleges to develop programs to train financial services workers. Congressman Kanjorski believes Monroe County is an ideal location for these facilities, given its proximity to New York City and its independent electric, transportation, telecommunications and watershed systems.
- Helping Sanofi Pasteur, one of the county's largest employers, obtain \$14.7 million in funding from the Department of Defense for pandemic flu preparedness and vaccine manufacturing, and another \$10 million for construction of additional wastewater treatment capacity.



- Keeping Northeastern Pennsylvania's largest employer, the Tobyhanna Army Depot, open and able to receive additional work from closing installations. Tobyhanna currently has more than 4,000 employees with 275 new positions from closing bases in 2005.
- Making the commute from Northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City easier and safer by securing \$4.5 million for restoring passenger rail into and out of the city.

MUCH NEEDED REPAIRS FOR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

Many major thoroughfares in Monroe County are better off today because of the work of Congressman Kanjorski. Those projects include:

- Interstate 80 – The Monroe County section of Interstate 80 is the oldest section of this highway in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The initial stated capacity was under 15,000 vehicles per day. Presently, an average of 65,000 vehicles travel on Interstate 80 per day. In 2003, Congressman Kanjorski secured \$850,000 for a study of Interstate 80 to look at congestion issues and solutions to these problems. Additionally, in 2004, Congressman Kanjorski secured \$750,000 for redesign and reconstruction of the Tannersville and Scotrun exits off Interstate 80.
- Marshalls Creek Bypass- Congressman Kanjorski secured more than \$7.72 million of the \$13.4 million in federal funding for construction of the Bypass. The Marshalls Creek Bypass is designed to relieve traffic congestion in the Village of Marshalls Creek, Smithfield and Middle Smithfield townships.
- Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau Wayfinding Signs- Congressman Kanjorski secured \$400,000 for wayfinding and directional signs for Monroe, Carbon, Pike and Wayne Counties. This funding was used to help alleviate traffic confusion and promote the area attractions for visitors.

IMPROVING MONROE COUNTY'S QUALITY OF LIFE

- The Congressman has taken the lead on creating the Cherry Valley Wildlife Refuge. Cherry Valley provides habitat to more than 75 species of national or regional concern, including six plants and animals that are listed as endangered or threatened. The Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Act would bring up to 30,000 acres under federal protection by allowing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire the critical lands. No land will be seized and no landowners will be forced into selling their property in order to facilitate the creation of the refuge.
- A \$7.65 million guaranteed loan helped Monroe County after the devastating 2006 flood. Congressman Kanjorski was instrumental in securing the assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Office, which provided another \$297,500 in grants to sponsor organizations for the repair and rehabilitation of low and very low-income housing.
- The Housing Authority of Monroe County received \$728,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund the Shelter Plus Care Program, which helps homeless people with disabilities in Monroe County, again thanks to the work of Congressman Kanjorski.



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 was George W. Bush's campaign manager in Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2004.
- 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.

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.

