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Hello,

With the start of a new year and a new Congress before us, it's a good time to update you on the remarkably productive work my team and I did on your behalf these past two years. It's an honor to serve the people of California's spectacular 2nd Congressional District, and it's especially gratifying to report on the many accomplishments we achieved together during the 117th Congress.

By putting people over politics, my congressional colleagues and I delivered some truly monumental victories for the country. Working closely with President Joe Biden's administration, we enacted landmark legislation that is producing historic investments in climate action and infrastructure while requiring huge corporations to finally pay their fair share in taxes. We finally enacted gun safety legislation and prescription drug pricing reform, and we honored our sacred duty to veterans by passing the PACT Act. We also enshrined marriage equality into federal law, and reclaimed American leadership in science, technology, and innovation by passing the CHIPS and Science Act. Likewise, on the local level, we've been able to see federal support in action for people and important community projects in our district.

As I close out my fifth term in Congress and look ahead to my sixth, I am inspired by the progress we've made and more energized than ever to continue our work together. And as your Representative in Washington, I will continue to be a tireless advocate for the special people and places I am honored to represent along the North Coast.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jared Huffman".

Jared Huffman
Member of Congress

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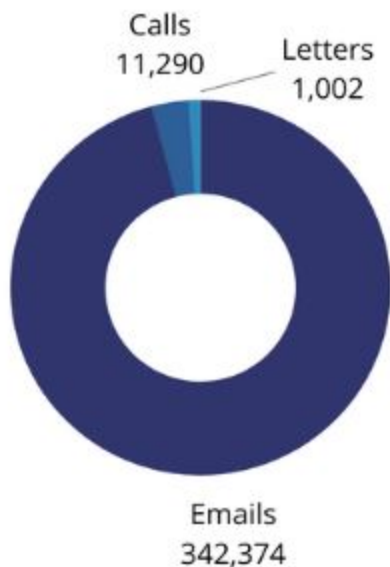




SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Despite some challenges – from the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to a recovering economy – we've made remarkable progress for the people of California's Second District over the past two years. My team and I remained committed to assisting our constituents by **helping folks navigate federal agencies, assisting local governments and nonprofits complete projects, providing information about policies, and passing legislation** in Washington that helps people back home. No matter what our community faces, please know that my staff and I are here to help.

Constituent Correspondence



Our community knows all too well the devastation caused by natural disasters – including wildfires, droughts, and floods – and through season after season we've grown together, creating a stronger and more resilient community that better prepares for and responds to disasters.



Rep. Huffman at event remembering the 2017 Sonoma Wildfires.

With respect to wildfires, I'm doing everything I can on the federal level to provide support for wildfire victims and pass legislation to mitigate wildfires in the first place.

Last summer, the House passed the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act to help us prevent and fight future wildfires by significantly increasing investments in our firefighting response and mitigating drought which exacerbates fire seasons. My FIRE Act with Senator Padilla and Rep. Zoe Lofgren was also just signed into law. This bill will help FEMA improve its wildfire preparedness and response programs.

In the 117th Congress, I was also able to help pass the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act into law – and as a result, brought home vital funding to rebuild our region's crumbling infrastructure. Through this law, we've been able to get funding to repair ports and harbors, expand high-speed internet access on tribal land, rebuild dilapidated bridges, and more.



Rep. Huffman receives an update from the Army Corps on the San Rafael Dredge operation.

Additionally, I'm pleased to share that after decades of advocating for funding to dredge the San Rafael Channel, we finally secured it in the 2022 budget. After 20 long years of getting silted in, this vital artery for our community will at long last get the dredging it needs.



“Thank you to the Congressman and his staff for working with the Social Security Administration to reinstate our benefits after they had been wrongly suspended. After submitting an appeal and not hearing anything for eight months, we reached out to Congressman Huffman’s Office. With their help, we were able to resolve our appeal and resume our monthly payments. They also ensured that we received several thousands of dollars of much needed backpay, to make up for the year that we should have been receiving benefits. The staff’s effort and diligence throughout the whole process was essential to making things right again.”

– Tim, Petaluma

FUNDING FOR PROJECTS IN CA-02

One of the greatest parts of representing California's Second District in Congress is having the opportunity to **deliver real, tangible results** from Washington that have direct impacts for the folks in our community. For the first time in over a decade, Members of Congress were able to push for specific funding in this year's appropriations bills for projects right here at home.

The Press Democrat

Congressional earmarks are back, and the Petaluma Health Center is benefiting



From affordable housing and disaster preparedness to help forest recovery and repairing active transportation routes, this funding will address some of the most pressing needs of our region. Learn more about each of these projects at huffman.house.gov/community-projects.

Times#Standard

LEAD HEADLINES

'A capstone': \$5 million award to replace Hammond Trail bridge
Jared Huffman, county officials tour site after appropriation secured



A. Appropriations and Huffman walk across the historic "Big Bridge" in Friday afternoon after a state road emergency, before being in between the bridge, photo by: The Times Standard.

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I'm incredibly pleased to share that I was able to secure more than **\$23.9 million for 23 projects** in our district in the 2022 and 2023 funding bills.

Times#Standard

NEWS - HEALTH

Jared Huffman tours Burre Dental Clinic following \$1M appropriation



State Rep. Jared Huffman, center, tours Burre Dental Clinic in Ukiah, Calif., Tuesday. The Times Standard.

Rep. Huffman Secured
\$23.9 MILLION
for CA-02 Community Projects



California's North Coast is rich with indigenous diversity. In fact, there are more than 25 federally recognized tribes in California's 2nd District – more than any other congressional district outside of the state of Alaska. Throughout my time in Congress, I have proudly worked with tribes to address the various issues affecting their communities – from missing and murdered indigenous people to critical infrastructure.

Since my first term, I have been passionately fighting for removing four dilapidated dams on the Klamath River that have wreaked havoc for decades – harming tribes, commercial and sport fishermen, the health of the environment, and the economies of California and Oregon. This is finally happening!



Led by the Yurok, Karuk, and Klamath Tribes, we created a partnership between tribes, fishermen, conservationists, farmers, agencies, and lawmakers to remove the dams and restore the river to its natural state. Over the years I've led letters to agencies, introduced legislation, and held public hearings to shed light on this issue and demand action. And after tireless advocacy from everyone involved, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has finally issued a decision that clears the way for the removal of the four Klamath River dams once and for all.

This is going to be the largest river restoration in American history. Removal of the dams will restore access to hundreds of miles of habitat, rehabilitate salmon



and steelhead populations, improve water quality, and revive the ecosystem that tribal communities depend on. I am immensely proud to have been an active partner in these efforts, working alongside steadfast advocates to right this wrong and restore balance to the river.

Rep. Huffman stands with leaders at the Klamath Dam Removal Celebration



Last year, I also had the honor of standing with the Yurok Tribe as they reached another critical milestone. In October of 2022, **the Yurok Tribe made history with a first-of-its-kind Summit on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP).**

I was honored to attend this statewide policy conference, which brought together tribal leaders, federal and state lawmakers, and MMIP survivors and advocates to discuss this humanitarian crisis ravaging tribes across the country. I hope this event will be a catalyst for change at every level of government, and I am deeply proud of the Yurok tribe for leading the way.

To close out the 117th Congress, **my bill with Senator Padilla to return sacred ground to the Karuk Tribe became law.** Natural resource stewardship of land, wildlife, plants, and water is at the core of the Karuk people's culture and identity. Yet 95% of their aboriginal territory is currently under federal management, undermining their ability to exercise traditional practices. The Katimiin̄ and Aamekyáaraam Sacred Lands Act will place federal lands located in Humboldt and Siskiyou counties in California into trust for the Karuk Tribe, rectifying a historic injustice.



AT WORK IN WASHINGTON



In the 117th Congress I had the honor of serving on three House committees that are critical to the needs of our district: the **Natural Resources Committee**, where I chair the **Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife**; the **Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**; and the **Select Committee on the Climate Crisis**.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

Letters Signed: 380

Bills Introduced: 37

Bills Passed: 12

COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

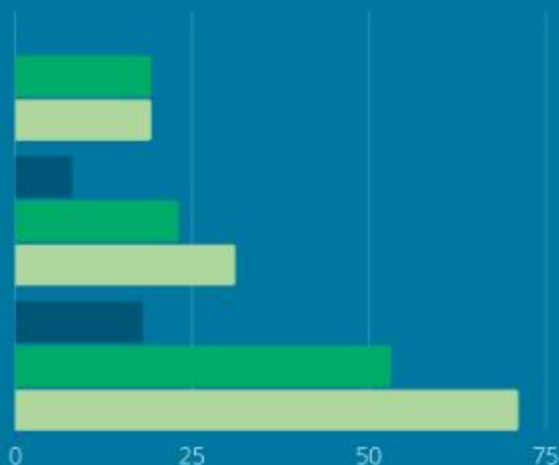
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The House Committee on
**Transportation
& Infrastructure**



**NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**



BILL HIGHLIGHTS

I also advanced several important pieces of legislation - some which I have been championing since I first came to Congress. These are just a few highlights from my work this Congress. To see all of the bills I've worked on, visit huffman.house.gov.

INTRODUCED

IDEA Full Funding Act

bipartisan, bicameral legislation to hold up Congress' promise to fully fund special education services.

Health Share Transparency Act

To protect people from deceptive practices of Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSMs), which use loopholes to avoid consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act.

Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act

to update and reauthorize the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), the primary law governing federal fisheries management and conservation.

Postal Vehicle Modernization Act

to provide \$6 billion in funding to electrify the USPS' outdated fleet. This funding was included in the Build Back Better Act.

FUTURE Act

An ambitious and comprehensive water infrastructure proposal to improve drought preparedness

Illegal Fishing and Forced Labor Prevention Act

To prevent illegal fishing and forced labor in the global seafood supply chain.

PASSED ✓

See more at congress.gov.

HISTORIC PROGRESS FOR THE PEOPLE

Throughout the last two years, I have consistently voted to put your interests first. This resulted in remarkable progress, improving our government and lives of people in the U.S. from coast to coast. Below are just a few of those extraordinary wins.

DELIVERING UNPRECEDENTED RESULTS FOR FOLKS IN CALIFORNIA AND BEYOND

- » 3.7% unemployment rate – near a 50-year low
- » Fully vaccinated 78% of American adults against COVID-19
- » Created 10.5 million jobs since President Biden took office—more than any administration in history at this point in a presidency.
- » Protected veterans exposed to toxic burn pits
- » Infrastructure investments in all 50 states, DC, and tribal nations
- » Historic student debt relief
- » Initiated the process of ending our country's failed approach to marijuana
- » Lowered costs for families' everyday expenses
- » Rallied the world to support Ukraine in response to Putin's war
- » Made communities safer and prevented crime
- » Advanced equity and racial justice, including historic criminal justice reform
- » Created millions of better paying jobs
- » More people have health insurance than ever before

LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES FOR THE PEOPLE

The 117th Congress was one of extraordinary progress. **Under President Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress, we passed some of the most historic pieces of legislation our country has ever seen.** From making historic investments in climate action, lowering costs, and taking the first meaningful steps to end gun violence in decades, to boosting U.S. manufacturing and supply chains to protecting marriage equality for same-sex and interracial couples – all the laws we passed will improve the lives of people in America.

**INFLATION
REDUCTION ACT**



**RESPECT FOR
MARRIAGE ACT**



**BIPARTISAN SAFER
COMMUNITIES ACT**

**CHIPS &
SCIENCE ACT**



**AMERICAN
RESCUE PLAN**



**COVID-19 HATE
CRIMES ACT**



**INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT
AND JOBS ACT**

**ACCESS TO BABY
FORMULA ACT**



**EMMET TILL
ANTILYNCHING
ACT**



**HONORING
OUR PACT ACT**



TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

Even before I first set foot in the halls of Congress, I've been committed to advancing science-based climate action. Over the past two years, we've achieved significant progress, delivering into law the most historic climate legislation ever seen – despite razor thin majorities and aggressive opposition from leaders in the pocket of Big Oil.

As a member of the Select Committee on the Crisis, I've helped lead the charge to advance policies to tackle the climate emergency. In the committee's Climate Crisis Action Plan, we included more than 700 policy recommendations to build a clean energy economy, advance environmental justice, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Since its release, Congress has successfully turned more than 300 of those solutions into law, and more than 400 of the plan's recommendations have passed the House. We also recently released our final report, which highlights our many wins and provides a roadmap for the future of climate action in Congress.



Rep. Huffman stands with President Joe Biden and the congressional delegation at COP27 in Egypt.

Additionally, I've had the honor of representing the U.S. at the United Nations (UN) Oceans Conference in Portugal, as well as the UN international climate summits in both Scotland and Egypt for the last two years. It was great to meet with world leaders to discuss key climate issues and ambitious goals. Preventing the worst consequences caused by the climate crisis requires international cooperation.

We must commit to transforming our global economy, which relies heavily on dirty fossil fuels. I'm grateful that under the Biden administration, the U.S. has returned to the table as a climate leader with bold solutions.

As Chair of the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee, one of my main priorities has been updating the Magnuson Stevens Act (MSA), the primary law governing our fisheries in federal waters. After a two-year long process of listening to feedback from experts and stakeholders across the country, I introduced the Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future Act, which not only reauthorizes the MSA, but also includes critical updates to address the impacts of climate change on the ocean's valuable resources.

I also continue to call out and criticize bad environmental policies and misguided climate actions whenever I see them, from consistently fighting against Senator Manchin's permitting

reform deal to expedite new oil and gas developments, to speaking out against the Department of the Interior's offshore drilling proposal.

Along with Senator Warren, I've led the charge of confronting the cryptocurrency industry and questioning their massive energy demands and severe environmental impacts – something that has flown under the radar for too long, causing significant environmental injustices.

To sum it up, I'm proud to be one of the leading climate advocates in Congress, and I'll continue to push for climate-smart policies.



DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY

After the horrific assault on the Capitol, it became very clear that our Democracy is something we cannot take for granted. Last year, the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol held public hearings to educate the public on what happened before, during, and after the insurrection. We heard from many brave witnesses, from US Capitol Police officers to government employees close to Trump, about the coordinated effort to overturn the election. I commend the committee and the courageous witnesses for their work to reveal indisputable evidence of Trump's unconstitutional scheme to hold onto the presidency. With painstaking detail, the committee has completed their final report, which documents the plot to subvert Congress, shred the Constitution, and halt the peaceful transfer of power. The committee has reached important conclusions about the evidence it has developed, and I respect those findings. I encourage you to review their work.

As our Democracy continues to face both foreign and domestic threats, I have raised awareness on the necessity of protecting the separation of church and state, as well as upholding the secular character of our government. I believe everyone should have the right to practice whatever religion they want — or no religion at all — but it's important we protect the separation of church and state. I've been particularly concerned about the rise of White Christian Nationalism, which is the belief that the government should declare the U.S. a "Christian nation." As the co-founder of the Congressional Freethought Caucus, I hosted a briefing with both religious and non-religious advocates to present their report demonstrating the many ways in which Christian Nationalism was at the heart of the insurrection. This briefing shed a lot of light on this violent ideology and served as a powerful reminder for reaffirming the separation of church and state.

I helped the House pass the For The People Act, a sweeping reform package of pro-democracy and anticorruption reforms to put power back in the hands of the American people. This bill would expand access to the ballot box, protect election integrity, end the culture of corruption in Washington, and reduce the role of money in politics. Although the bill stalled in the Senate, I'll never stop fighting to make our democracy work for every person in America.



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