



CONGRESSMAN
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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CONGRESSMAN LAMB

Dear Friend,

As we start the New Year, I want to take a moment to look back on 2020. There is no doubt that the global COVID-19 pandemic affected us all – how we live, how we work and how we interact with each other. Too many people have lost their lives to this deadly disease, and too many have faced financial hardships.

We also saw many in our community step forward to help. From health care workers, scientists, police, fire and EMS personnel, to essential workers at grocery stores and small businesses, many of our friends and neighbors were on the front lines of our collective effort to overcome this global pandemic. We saw union halls collect PPE to share with frontline hospital workers, and food collection drives to help ensure that no family went hungry. Teachers and families learned how to make virtual and hybrid schooling work to keep kids and families safe.

In Washington, I worked with members of both parties to pass **five major packages** of legislation in response to the coronavirus pandemic – all of which passed with broad bipartisan support – to help put money in your pockets while you weather the pandemic, protect your families from this deadly virus and help save our small businesses.

We have also learned to navigate a new world of social distancing. For my office, that meant virtual town halls and phone calls, instead of face-to-face meetings. Throughout this time, my office was able to help recover more than \$2 million owed by federal agencies to constituents. We helped neighbors recover missing stimulus checks, receive their delayed Social Security payments and helped veterans get the benefits they have earned.

In 2020, I **introduced 11 bills, nearly all of which were bipartisan**. This past year, **nine bipartisan bills I led were signed into law**, including: the **Whole Veteran Act (H.R. 2359)**; the **Grid Modernization Research and Development Act (H.R. 5428)**; the **Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act (H.R. 6097)**; and a bill to designate the Postal facility in Hookstown as the "**Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building**" (H.R. 3207).

As 2021 begins with a new Administration and successful COVID vaccines, I remain committed to helping you and your family and to representing your needs in Washington, D.C. As always, please reach out if my office can be of assistance or to share your thoughts on upcoming legislation.

I wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,





CONGRESSMAN LAMB 2020 By the Numbers

\$2,024,748

Returned to
taxpayers
through
casework

1,146

Constituent
cases opened

1,105

Constituent
cases closed

5

Town Halls and
Tele-Town
Halls

11

Bills
introduced

82%

Bills
introduced
that are
bipartisan

79%

Bipartisan
votes

9

Bills signed
into law

248

Votes taken

52

Committee
hearings &
mark-ups
attended

37

Grant support
letters

35,574

Response
letters to
constituents

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CORONAVIRUS: FEDERAL RESPONSE

Congress has passed five major, bipartisan packages of legislation in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Please visit lamb.house.gov for more information on these bills.

H.R. 6074, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, provided \$8.3 billion in entirely new funding to combat the coronavirus epidemic and included critical transparency and accountability provisions to ensure that all funds would be used as intended to keep Americans safe.

H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, ensured access to COVID-19 testing, provided two weeks of paid sick leave for workers and twelve weeks of paid family leave for those impacted by the virus, authorized tax credits for impacted employers, and expanded access to unemployment insurance for those who are laid off. It also expanded access to food assistance programs and increased federal Medicaid funding.

H.R. 748, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, a bipartisan \$2 trillion spending package, included provisions to support families and workers, small businesses, state and local governments and health care workers and hospitals. The bill also provided direct cash payments to Americans and increased unemployment compensation for those who lost their jobs because of COVID-19.

H.R. 266, the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, a \$484 billion bipartisan package included provisions to help small businesses, hospitals and health care workers, as well as increase testing across the country.

H.R. 133, a \$900 billion package that Congress passed on December 22, 2020. This critical bill provides additional funding for another round of stimulus checks, expands the Paycheck Protection Program, boosts spending for vaccine distribution and research, and contains a number of other critical provisions necessary for our families, businesses, and communities to beat COVID-19.

RESULTS IN WASHINGTON



Congressman Lamb is committed to working in a bipartisan manner to deliver results on local priorities.

This year, Congressman Lamb introduced **11 bills** and had **nine bills** signed into law.

Congressman Lamb led nine bipartisan bills which were signed into law in 2020:

- Veterans Valuing our Widows and Widowers (VOW) Act (H.R. 1826)
- Whole Veteran Act (H.R. 2359)
- Veterans Legacy Program Act (H.R. 2385)
- To designate the Postal facility in Hookstown as the "Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building" (H.R. 3207)
- Grid Modernization Research and Development Act (H.R. 5428)
- Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act (H.R. 6097)
- TREAT Act (H.R. 8147)
- VA DATA Act (H.R. 8148)
- VA Precision Medicine Act (H.R. 8149)

CONGRESSMAN LAMB IN THE DISTRICT

Congressman Lamb's District Offices help constituents with a variety of services related to federal agencies, including missing stimulus checks, veterans' benefits, stalled tax refunds, Social Security or Medicare issues, passports and more.

Congressman Lamb's offices returned more than **\$2 million** to constituents in 2020. Congressman Lamb held **one town hall event before the coronavirus public health crisis** and **four Tele-Town Hall events** with more than **18,000** participants, to ensure that constituents could meet or talk to him personally in order to express an opinion, share an idea or ask a question.

The annual Congressional Art Competition and Congressional App Challenge were both held online this year. Students from across the district participated in both events, which were each judged by a respective panel of local experts from the region.



WE CAN HELP YOU

Please contact Congressman Lamb's District Office for assistance in the following areas:

- Social Security and Medicare Benefits
- IRS Issues
- Veterans' Benefits and Services
- Passports and Visas
- Service Academy Nominations
- Small Business Assistance
- Federal Student Loans
- Federal Grants and Loans
- Visits to Washington, D.C.



SERVING OUR VETERANS

Congressman Lamb serves as the Vice Chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, which works on a bipartisan basis to meet the needs and challenges of our nation's veterans. In 2020, Congressman Lamb worked to support our veterans and transitioning service members get access to training and high-quality jobs.

Congressman Lamb introduced the **Protecting Apprenticeship Training for Veterans Act**, which would extend GI Bill benefits for veterans whose registered apprenticeships were cut short due to COVID-19. Extending GI Bill benefits to ensure veterans receive the support they need for good-paying jobs is critical.

Congressman Lamb was also joined by a bipartisan coalition of Members to introduce the **Supporting Education Recognition for Veterans during Emergencies (SERVE) Act**, to ensure that veterans' service-connected medical qualifications and expertise are utilized by the VA and civilian health care facilities to meet the challenges of the Coronavirus public health emergency.

Congressman Lamb introduced the **Federally Requiring Earned Education-Debt Discharges for Veterans Act (FREED) Vets Act** which passed the House in March, to make student debt forgiveness for eligible disabled veterans automatic.

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is committed to addressing the veteran suicide crisis. Congressman Lamb's bipartisan **Whole Veteran Act** was signed into law by the President in 2020. The bill is an integral component of VA's suicide prevention efforts that ensures all necessary tools are available to veterans for their individual mental health needs.

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Congressman Lamb is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and has been working to increase investment in critical infrastructure. These investments will help create and retain good jobs and continue to grow our regional economy.

The bipartisan **Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (H.R. 7575)** was signed into law in December. Supported by Congressman Lamb, the bill authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works mission areas for the next two years, which include projects on navigation and flood damage reduction, among many other things important to the residents of western Pennsylvania.

Congressman Lamb joined a bipartisan group of Pennsylvanian Members of Congress to secure a **\$25 million grant** through the **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant program** for **Butler County**, to support the construction of segments of Route 228, a **\$62 million initiative** known as **Gateway 228**.

Congressman Lamb also worked to secure **\$7.7 million** in funding for the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) phase of the **Upper Ohio Navigation Project** under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan. The Upper Ohio Navigation Project addresses lock condition and capacity issues at Emsworth, Dashields, and Montgomery Locks and Dams along the Ohio River, ultimately creating and sustaining thousands of jobs in the region.





ENERGY JOBS POWER WESTERN PA

As a member of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, Congressman Lamb is working to find long-term solutions to protect the energy jobs that are critical to the continued growth and prosperity of our region.

H.R. 133, which was signed into law in December and included the \$900 billion Emergency Coronavirus Relief Package, also included the bipartisan Energy Act of 2020. Congressman Lamb led multiple provisions that were included in the Energy Act of 2020, critical legislation that increases research and development across all forms of energy generation and funds the science to support breakthrough technologies and modernize the country's energy infrastructure.

The bipartisan **Grid Modernization Research and Development Act of 2020 (H.R. 5428)** refines and expands vital research programs at the Department of Energy focused on modernizing and improving our nation's electric grid, while the **Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act (H.R. 6097)** expands critical research programs at the Department of Energy for a broad range of commercial nuclear reactors, lowering the price of electricity and extending the lifespan of these critical assets and developing next-generation technologies.

Congressman Lamb also led a provision that provides for research into new technologies to make natural gas development more sustainable included in H.R. 133. The **National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)** located in Western Pennsylvania is the lead lab for fossil research, and under H.R. 133 will research Carbon Capture Utilization and Sequestration (CCUS) technologies, methane leaks, and rare earth elements, among other relevant areas.



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