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LETTER FROM THE CONGRESSMAN

Dear Friends,

Last week I had the honor of meeting with representatives of Alcoa's Sandow Mine in Rockdale during a recent visit to Washington, D.C. They were in town to receive the Office of Surface Mining's (OSM) Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Award from the National Mining Association (NMA). I congratulate the entire Alcoa Sandow Mine team for being nationally recognized for their exceptional mining practices.

This week, the House will support and fund America's troops by passing the Department of Defense Appropriations bill. The House will also continue to build on progress we made last week to secure our borders. We will also consider key national security measures such as a terrorist tribunal bill designed to bring suspected terrorists to justice and a bill to authorize the surveillance of known terrorists who place calls to the US.

We will consider a number of other important measures this week, including the the Public Expression of Religion Act, the Private Property Rights Implementation Act, and the Veterans Identity and Credit Security Act.

Until next week,



CARTER MAKES CONGRESSIONAL CANCER PROMISE

Tragically, an estimated 1.4 million Americans will be newly diagnosed with cancer and 564,000 people will die from cancer this year. Currently, more than 10 million Americans are cancer survivors. Cancer has touched my family as it has so many others, so I understand the impact this devastating disease can have on families.

This week I was honored to show support for the ongoing fight against cancer. I met with a group of cancer advocates from Central Texas who were in Washington, D.C. as part of Celebration on the Hill, a national event held to celebrate cancer survivorship and empower all Americans to advocate for laws that help fight this disease. This important event was sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), the advocacy organization of the American Cancer Society. Celebration on the Hill brought together nearly 10,000 individuals committed to fighting cancer and included meetings with Members of Congress; a Relay For Life; and the construction of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life Wall of Hope, made up of nearly 5,000 banners that displayed the signatures of hundreds of thousands of people nationwide who lives have been touched by cancer.

I am greatly concerned about the large number of people suffering from cancer. Cancer is a debilitating disease that affects too many individuals and their families. I signed the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network's Congressional Cancer Promise because I share their commitment to making cancer a top legislative priority. The Promise outlines steps that

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Congress can take in the short term to accelerate the fight against cancer by improving prevention, detection, and treatment of cancer. More specifically, I pledged to make health system reform a priority by supporting meaningful reform. This includes helping ensure that states have the resources to implement their cancer control plans with a focus on the full range of cancer care, including the needs of survivors. Further, it includes a commitment to increasing preventive health services and improving health outcomes, by providing the resources necessary to implement the Patient Navigator Act which passed Congress and was signed into law in 2005.

I am also a co-sponsor of a resolution that passed the House this week that supports the goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer by the year 2015.

I believe that research is the key to curing and eventually preventing cancer, and I will continue to support necessary funding for all cancer research. The National Cancer Institute (NCI), a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the Federal Government's principal agency for cancer research and training. It is important that we sustain past progress and continued modernization of cancer research by providing annual funding for the NCI. The President's Fiscal Year 2007 Budget requested \$4.75 billion for the National Cancer Institute. In June, the House fully funded the President's request for this funding in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States and is the leading health concern of Americans. I am committed to fighting the ongoing war against cancer, and will support initiatives that will adequately fund federal cancer research, prevention initiatives, expanded access to care, and early detection programs so that we can eliminate cancer as a major health threat.

For additional information or assistance, you may visit the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.



*PHOTO: Cong. Carter with Central Texas cancer advocates and survivors.
Standing: Judy Pouncey, Gena Girardeau, Clayton Lynch, Cong Carter,
Kenetra Malone, Dan Hunter
Sitting: Christi James, Karen Dungan, Barbara Lynch*

CARTER HAILS HOUSE PASSAGE OF CRITICAL BORDER SECURITY BILLS

I supported House action on three bills that will help enhance border security, strengthen law enforcement, and protect our country. The bills that passed the House are the Community Protection Act, the Immigration Law Enforcement Act, and the Border Tunnel Prevention Act. These bills are a result of more than 20 hearings held by the House over the past two months to hear the concerns of the American people and determine the best way to make progress in securing our borders.

I am pleased to support these important pieces of legislation that will help secure our borders and our nation now. By giving state, local, and federal enforcement agencies additional resources and authority to properly prosecute and remove alien smugglers and criminal illegal immigrants, we can better protect the American people. The existence of dangerous tunnels like the one discovered this week on the U.S.-Mexico border, highlights the need to criminalize the construction or financing of border tunnels. Passage of these bills is further evidence of Congress's commitment to taking action that will strengthen border security.

More specifically, these bills: focus on detaining dangerous illegal immigrants and enhancing state and local law enforcement authority; provide the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) with additional tools to effectively enforce our immigration laws, including ending catch and release and removing illegal immigrant gang members; and take several additional steps to stop illegal entry along the border, including establishing penalties for border tunnels, prosecuting smuggling offenses, and removing criminal illegal immigrants.

I am a member of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee, and



have toured the Texas-Mexico border three times in the past year to examine operations along the border. The Homeland Security Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the Department of Homeland Security, including the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency.

CARTER PROTECTS MILITARY FROM INSURANCE PREDATORS

Last week I voted in favor of S. 418, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act. I co-sponsored the House version of this legislation, which garnered strong support in the House in 2005. The legislation protects service members from abusive or misleading tactics by insurance and investment companies.

I remain committed to protecting and supporting our service men and women. This bill safeguards our military from financial predators who have taken advantage of our troops. Halting these misleading financial practices will help improve the financial security of our service men and women and their families.

Specifically, the Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act creates a registry of insurance agents and companies who are banned from conducting business on military installations. It also directs the Department of Defense, Securities Exchange Commission, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to meet bi-annually to monitor the sales of financial products on military installations.

The legislation will now be sent to the President's desk for his signature.

CARTER SUPPORTS BILL TO PREVENT VOTER FRAUD

The right to vote is one of the greatest duties and privileges granted to Americans. It is important that we preserve the integrity of elections and protect against voter fraud. That is why I voted in favor of a House-passed bill that will help prevent voter fraud and ensure that only eligible voters cast ballots, the Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006. Requiring photo IDs at the polls ensures that only eligible individuals are casting votes. I am pleased to have voted for this commonsense reform that has garnered the support of a majority of voters.

A recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll demonstrated that 81 percent of the people surveyed expressed support for requiring a photo ID at the polls. Further, the bipartisan commission headed by Former President Jimmy Carter and Former Secretary of State James Baker on Federal Election Reform recommended we require identification at the polls.

H.R. 4844, the Federal Election Integrity Act, will require voters to present photo identification at polling places, beginning in 2008.

CARTER SPEAKS AT SETON MEDICAL CENTER WILLIAMSON GROUNDBREAKING

I was honored to participate in a special "ground blessing" ceremony Friday symbolizing the start of construction of the new Seton Medical Center Williamson. Leaders of the Seton Family of Hospitals, and area religious, business and government leaders broke ground on the facility – soon to be the largest hospital in Williamson County.

I have long supported plans by the Seton Family of Hospitals to expand into Williamson County, and believe it is great news for Round Rock and the surrounding communities. The healthcare needs of the region are rapidly expanding, and Seton Medical Center Williamson will be critical to ensuring that residents of Williamson County continue to receive quality healthcare services.

The 360,000 square-foot facility, scheduled to open in early 2008, will be constructed at the corner of FM1460 and University Boulevard on 74 acres in north Round Rock.

REMINDER: SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Congressman Carter's *staff* will hold community office hours at the following time and location. The staff will be able to meet with residents to listen to their concerns and provide assistance with regard to federal issues and federal agencies.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

9:00 am - 11:00 am

Marlin

Marlin City Hall - Council Chambers

101 Fortune Street

Marlin, Texas



Kids' Page

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE QUIZ

Earlier this month, we learned more about the Constitution. Another important document in our nation's history is the Declaration of Independence. Take the quiz below to learn more about the Declaration of Independence.

1. July 4, 1776 is known as Independence Day. What happened that day?

- A. Pilgrims Arrive
- B. Boston Tea Party Held
- C. Declaration of Independence adopted
- D. Constitution adopted

2. Where did the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence take place?

- A. New York, New York
- B. Washington, D.C.
- C. Williamsburg, Virginia
- D. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3. The Declaration of Independence took place during what war?

- A. Revolutionary War
- B. War of 1812
- C. Spanish-American War
- D. World War I

4. Which future U.S. President drafted the Declaration of Independence?

- A. George Washington
- B. John Adams
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. James Madison

5. How many future U.S. Presidents signed the Declaration of Independence?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four

Color the President



George W. Bush

Presidential Number: 43rd

Years he was President: 2001-Present

State Represented: Texas

Party Affiliation: Republican

Fact(s): Likes baseball. First President to begin serving in the 21st Century.

Personal

Birthday: July 6, 1946

School(s) attended: Yale University, Harvard University

Wife: Laura Bush

Occupation(s) before he was President: Businessman, owner of major

league baseball team

Other way(s) he served: Governor of Texas

Height: 5 feet, 11 inches

Favorite Foods: Mexican food

Hobbies or Sports: Baseball, reading and biking

Pets: Dogs, Scottish Terriers Barney and Miss Beazley. He has a cat named India "Willie"

Life in America

How would he have traveled? Helicopter, airplane, car

How would he have communicated with his friends? Letters, phone, email

U.S. Population when term began: 281,421,906

Number of stars on flag when he left office: 50