



Congressman Pastor's Washington Update

An electronic newsletter from Congressman Ed Pastor, U.S. House of Representatives, AZ District 4

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NOTES OF INTEREST

- **Free dental care event.** Rep. Ed Pastor will drop by the Arizona Dental Mission of Mercy at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix. The event, held by the Arizona Dental Society Foundation, will provide free dental care on a first-come, first-served basis, on Dec. 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thousands line up to receive assistance.
- **The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is like a neighborhood cop on a beat.** It supervises banks, credit unions, and other financial companies and it enforces federal consumer financial laws. Learn more and file complaints at www.consumerfinance.gov.

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Update on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program

The Administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has resulted in thousands of young individuals requesting



U.S. Rep. Ed Pastor's district is home to thousands of young people eligible to request Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

employment authorization and temporary immigration relief. According to the Immigration Policy Center, in

our district alone, there are more than 12,700 young people who are currently eligible to request protection from removal under this program.

Young people who have received deferred action and employment authorization have reported to our office that they received work permit cards about a month after mailing in their requests.

WORK PERMIT CARDS

The work permit card is the only document that will be sent to those who are approved for deferred action.

SOCIAL SECURITY

The card, along with an original birth certificate, may be taken to a Social Security office to apply for a Social Security number, which will

allow young people to begin working and pay Social Security taxes.

I've been working in the community to ensure that young people eligible for Deferred Action are receiving assistance and answers to their questions. Many of these "DREAMers" have told me they will finally be able to pursue their educational goals and careers because of the opportunity afforded through this program.

For me, this has reinforced the strong need for programs that help young undocumented people, who have lived most of their lives as Americans, to work and become contributing members of our society.

Social Security Updates for 2013

Social Security offices closing earlier

As of Nov. 19, 2012, Social Security field offices nationwide began closing to the public 30 minutes earlier each day. This means the office hours for the Phoenix office located at 250 N. Seventh Ave., Suite 100, are now 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Find your nearest Social Security offices at www.ssa.gov and click on Contact Us.

Social Security checks go paperless in March 2013

If you receive a paper check from Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), you will be required to switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013. Call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for more information.

COLA Information

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013. Increased payments will begin on Dec. 31, 2012.

Representing the new 7th Congressional District of Arizona

Our Congressional District will change to District 7 from District 4 on Jan. 3. Arizona's congressional districts were redrawn after the 2010 Census, as Arizona grew in population and earned another Congressional seat. Our state now has a total of nine members in the U.S. House of Representatives. The boundaries of our new District 7 have changed slightly from the current boundaries of District 4. One major addition is the City of Tolleson. View the new boundary lines on the website for the Arizona Redistricting Commission at <http://azredistricting.org>. Find your congressional district by visiting www.house.gov and entering your zip code.