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Congressman Gordon discusses health care concerns with constituents at a recent open meeting in Cookeville.

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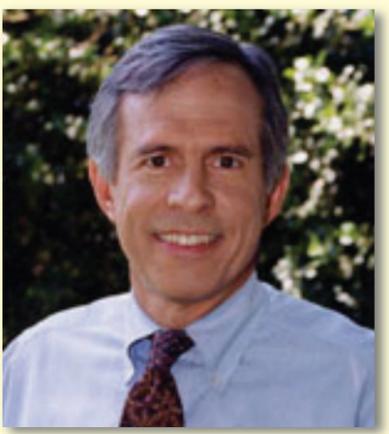
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Dear Friend,

I take my job as your representative in Congress very seriously. That's why I do my best to make sure laws passed in Congress help Middle Tennessee families and their communities.

Legislation impacting economic development, consumer protection, educational opportunities, national defense and our environment directly affect Middle Tennessee. My work as the ranking member of the House Science Committee and senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee helps shape national policy.

In those roles I have been able to strengthen Tennessee's higher education system through a host of reforms in federal student-assistance programs. Those reforms have saved taxpayers more than \$6 billion and have freed up additional student aid for low-and middle-income students. And my legislation banning Pell grants to prison inmates freed up even more money for deserving students.

Protecting consumers has also been one of my top priorities. That's why I helped write legislation closing loopholes in laws that allowed unscrupulous 1-900 telephone operators to cheat consumers.

And I have been able to secure tens of millions of federal dollars for highways, parks and greenways, and utility-improvement projects across the Sixth Congressional District, as well as projects that preserve our heritage and enhance our environment. That federal funding has enhanced the quality of life in Middle Tennessee and has made our region more desirable for the kinds of quality companies that locate here and pay us good wages.

By staying in touch with you and listening to your advice, I am able to be a strong voice in Congress for Middle Tennesseans. Please take the time on Friday, May 14, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., to call me free of charge at 1-888-790-5269 and tell me what more needs to be done to make Middle Tennessee an even better place to live and raise a family.

Stay in Touch,

Bart Gordon

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Member of Congress



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Congressman Bart Gordon presents Bren Watson of Smyrna with a certificate announcing his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Also pictured are Bren's parents, James and Lisa Watson.

SUPPORTING HIGHER EDUCATION

I understand the need for our children to receive the best education possible. That's why I have worked so hard in Congress to pass laws that save tax dollars, strengthen our schools and help our teachers. I have authored legislation:

- Reforming federal student-assistance programs, saving more than \$6 billion in student loan defaults and making financial aid more accessible to low- and middle-income students
- Banning Pell grants to prisoners or fly-by-night trade schools, which freed up money for deserving students
- Reducing interest rates on student loans
- Increasing oversight of the college-accreditation process

PROTECTING FAMILIES

Making sure Middle Tennesseans have the resources and means to provide for and protect their families has been a top priority for me. That's why I authored legislation:

- Providing employees with the Family Medical Leave Act, which ensures people can be at home when it's necessary to take care of a sick child, husband, wife or other loved one
- Closing a loophole exploited by unethical 1-900 operators who tried to bilk consumers by charging them for 1-800 calls
- Preventing unfair billing and charging practices for information services provided through 1-800 numbers
- Creating an easy-to-use, parent-activated violence chip (V-chip) to screen out objectionable television programming

PRESERVING HISTORY AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

Pristine streams, lakes and forests are abundant in Middle Tennessee, as are historical sites that allow us to get a glimpse of what life used to be like here. As our communities prosper and grow, it's vital we preserve the natural sites and attractions that make Middle Tennessee such a desirable place to live. That's why I have authored legislation:

- Blocking efforts to sell our public lands, lakes and recreational areas to private developers
- Doubling the area protected by the Stones River National Battlefield, a site key to the outcome of the Civil War
- Creating the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, which authorizes up to \$10 million of congressionally appropriated funds to help promote tourism and conserve the state's Civil War heritage
- Creating and preserving greenways, wetlands and other natural sites vital to our environment

STANDING UP FOR THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND OUR VETERANS

At a time when our brave fighting men and women are in harm's way, we should never forget their sacrifices. Nor should we forget the sacrifices made by our past warriors. That's why I have authored or supported legislation:

- Equipping and training our military men and women with state-of-the-art weapons and support gear
- Increasing the pay of our military
- Initiating a General Accounting Office investigation into how resources are rendered at the York and Nashville VA hospitals
- Refurbishing medical facilities at the York VA hospital
- Allowing National Guard and Reserve forces an above-the-line deduction for overnight travel expenses, as well as a demonstration program enhancing health benefits for their families



Congressman Gordon presents Marine Corps veteran Ernest Tarpley with medals he earned during his service in Vietnam.

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

During my tenure in Congress, I have worked hard to make sure all the communities in the Sixth Congressional District of Tennessee have the resources needed to make communities safe, secure and desirable. Top-notch companies that pay good wages locate in communities having these attributes. That's why I have authored or supported legislation:

- Providing communities with funds to build highways, dams, water and sewer lines, and other utility improvement projects
- Enabling communities to hire additional police officers and purchase equipment for those officers, as well as equipment for fire departments and other agencies vital to Homeland Security
- Aiding the fight against illegal drug use and manufacturing
- Aiding programs that provide hot meals to the elderly, financial help for home-heating costs or nutrition and health care for pre-school children



Bart and Putnam County Sheriff David Andrews discuss efforts to combat methamphetamine.