Congressman Mark DeSaulnier
Town Hall
FEBRUARY 18, 2020
116th Congress House Makeup

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Committees

- One of only a handful of Members on 4 Committees
- **Education & Labor**
  - Ensure that Americans' needs are addressed so that students and workers may move forward in a changing school system and a competitive global economy
- **Transportation & Infrastructure**
  - Maintain and improve the transportation and infrastructure in our country to best ensure the efficient flow of people, goods, and ideas
- **Oversight & Reform**
  - Main investigative committee in the U.S. House of Representatives
- **Rules**
  - Power over which bills are considered on the floor and influence over procedure
On December 18, 2019, the House voted to impeach President Trump.

On January 15, 2020, the House voted to send the articles of impeachment and appoint 7 managers for the Senate trial.

On January 16, 2020, the Chief Justice of the United States, John Roberts, and all Senators were sworn in for the impeachment trial.

On January 21, 2020, the Senate began the impeachment trial.

On February 5, 2020, the Senate acquitted Trump on both counts largely along party lines.

One Republican Senator, Mitt Romney (R-UT), voted to convict the President on the count of abuse of power.
Trump Actions Since Impeachment

- Less than a week after being acquitted by the Senate, the President:
  - Removed Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, a key witness in the impeachment investigation, from his post on the National Security Council;
  - U.S. Ambassador to the EU Gordon Sondland, another key witness in the investigation, was removed from his post;
  - Went on a Twitter tirade about the sentencing recommendation of his long-time political ally Roger Stone, who was convicted of lying to Congress and trying to block a witness in order to impede an investigation into the 2016 Trump campaign.
    - All four prosecutors have withdrawn from the case and one resigned from the DOJ.
Democratic-led House passed over 400 bills, including:

- **For the People Act (H.R. 1)** - Reforms campaign finance laws to loosen the grip of special interests on our democracy;

- **Elijah E. Cummings Lower Drug Costs Now Act (H.R. 3)** - Reduces the cost of prescription drugs for millions of Americans;

- **Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4)** - Expands voting rights for all Americans;

- **Equality Act (H.R. 5)** - Protects the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community;

- **American Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6)** - Creates a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers;

- **Bipartisan Background Checks Act (H.R. 8)** - Requires commonsense background checks for all gun sales;

- **Raise the Wage Act (H.R. 582)** - Increases the minimum wage for workers across the country;

- **Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (H.R. 1585)** - Addresses gender-based violence;

- **Securing America's Federal Elections Act (H.R. 2722)** - Secures electronic voting systems against cyberattacks and improves access for voters.
## Senate Inaction

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Recent House Action

- **Removing the Deadline for Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (H.J.Res. 79)** – Removes the arbitrary deadline set for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution;

- **No War in Iran Act/Repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (H.R. 550)** – Prohibits the President from engaging in war with Iran without Congressional approval and repeals the AUMF that authorized war in Iraq;

- **Protecting the Right to Organize Act (H.R. 2474)** – Extends protections to workers to secure their rights to form labor unions;

- **Comprehensive CREDIT Act (H.R. 3621)** – The first overhaul of U.S. credit laws in over a decade to improve transparency at credit agencies and expand consumer protections;

- **Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act (H.R. 1230)** – Makes it illegal to retaliate against an individual who has filed an age discrimination suit.
What’s Next for Congress

- Bipartisan legislation to address surprise medical bills;
- College Affordability Act – Overhaul of the higher education system in the United States to reduce costs for parents and students;
- Comprehensive legislation to address our nation’s crumbling infrastructure;
- Legislation to raise the debt ceiling and fund the government through 2021;
- Consideration of expiring surveillance authorities, such as Section 215, which allows the collection of certain data about domestic text messages and phone calls.
Mark’s Actions Since Coming to Congress

28 initiatives enacted into law, including efforts to:
- Expand John Muir National Historic Site
- Rename post office in Richmond after the site’s first African American postmaster
- Empower pharmacists to fight the opioid crisis
- Create and fund statewide family engagement centers to help families participate in their children’s education

25 legislative efforts passed the House and Committee including efforts to:
- Instructing the Navy to exonerate the Port Chicago 50
- Require states to be notified of disinformation campaigns interfering with state elections

Caucuses & Initiatives:
- Future of Work Wages and Labor
- Bipartisan Cancer Survivors Caucus, Founder & Co-Chair
- Urban Regional Studies Caucus, Founder
- Working Group on Saving Local News
Legislation Our Office Has Introduced

- **Equitable Transit Oriented Development Support Act (H.R. 5783)** – Creates loans for affordable housing and developments in underserved communities near transit hubs;

- **Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act (H.R. 5611)** – Creates policies to protect student athletes who may have concussions;

- **Early Childhood Mental Health Support Act (H.R. 5569)** – Identifies and funds mental health interventions for students in Head Start programs;

- **Preventing Vape Use Act (H.R. 5005)** – Recalls all vape devices until they undergo pre-market review by the FDA;

- **Clean Federal Fleet Act (H.R. 5554)** – Ensures that federal vehicle fleets comply with low greenhouse gas emissions standards;

- **Gun Safety Board and Research Act (H.R. 4177)** – Establishes a gun safety board to research and address the epidemic of gun violence;
Legislation Our Office Has Introduced - Continued

- **Saving Local News Act (H.R. 3126)** – Creates a new pathway for local news organizations to gain non-profit status;

- **Exonerating the 50 African-American Sailors Court-Martialed by the Navy After the Port Chicago Explosion (H.Con.Res. 49)** – Recognizes the sacrifice of the sailors who died in the explosion at Port Chicago and exonerates the 50 sailors convicted of mutiny;

- **Deportation Relief for Isabel Bueso and Her Family (H.R. 4225)** – Provides permanent status for Isabel Bueso to continue receiving life-saving medical treatment;

- **Funding Early Childhood is the Right IDEA Act (H.R. 4107)** – Creates funding to support programs for young children with disabilities in schools;

- **Bots Research Act (H.R. 2860)** – Establishes a task force to study the effects of bots on social media, public discourse, and elections.
Transparency, Accountability, and Innovation Award – 2019 Winner

“The office believes Americans deserve an efficient and effective government that works on their behalf each and every day. In order to build public trust, Congressman DeSaulnier and staff strive to be transparent and accountable to constituents by providing a higher-level of customer service.” – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation

Constituent Service Award – 2018 Finalist (1 of 3 Democrats)

“Constituent service has been the hallmark of Representative Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA-11) and his office since his election in 2015...To keep constituents informed, Representative DeSaulnier uses Facebook Live to explain hot button issues happening in Washington in real time, and maintains an impressive four-day response time for constituents who send questions or concerns regarding his congressional activity.” – Brad Fitch, President & CEO of the nonpartisan Congressional Management Foundation
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