

CONGRESSMAN LEE TERRY: *A Leader, a Fighter, a Friend*

Cutting Spending and the Debt

U.S. Rep. Lee Terry is a leader when it comes to the fight over spending. Very simply, the federal government is spending and borrowing too much. **To address this, in 2009, 2010 and 2011, Lee voted 157 times on the floor of the House to cut spending.** Had the Senate not blocked some of the bigger items, Lee's votes would mean we would be spending **\$7 trillion less** than currently planned over the next ten years. That's real leadership! Lee voted against the omnibus \$1 trillion budget bill in December 2011 because it failed to prioritize spending and reflected badly on Congress' failure to get a basic job done. Finally, Lee voted in 2011 in favor of a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget. Lee's record on spending issues is outstanding and represents real fiscal responsibility—and that's one reason Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom has given him an "A" rating for his work on budget issues.

Securing Our Energy Future

Rep. Lee Terry is known as a real leader in moving America toward energy security and independence. He was the leading advocate for legislation last year that would require the federal government to make a final decision on the Keystone XL Pipeline, a shovel ready project that would create tens of thousands of jobs immediately and bring needed energy into this country from a friendly source, Canada. Lee received national news coverage for his efforts, appearing a half dozen times on Fox News to discuss the need for the project. **Lee's tenacity was rewarded with passage of a law that mandates a decision on the Keystone issue by February 2012.** Importantly, the proposal honors the Nebraska compromise in that no construction would occur within the state until the new route has been approved.

Lee also has won accolades for his legislation in 2007 (the Hill-Terry law) that increases the fuel economy of cars, light trucks and SUVs. **This provision is projected to save the U.S. from importing 401 million barrels of oil from the Persian Gulf each year when fully implemented in 2020.** This has been a major win for America and is one of several energy-related laws that Lee has authored as a member of the important House



Energy and Commerce Committee. The measures include a law that requires the federal government's vehicle fleet to have access to E-85 (providing a ready market for Nebraska agricultural products used in producing ethanol) and a law that encourages the use of geothermal energy sources in federal buildings and facilities.

Listening 24/7 to 2nd District Residents

It's a hallmark of Lee's tenure that he believes in "empowering people... not the government." Lee makes it a regular practice to get on the first plane out of Washington and back to the 2nd district when the House adjourns each week. **He has a reputation of being very accessible to residents of the 2nd District, attending hundreds of meetings and forums each year.** Lee has also reached out with an interactive web site and regular telephone town hall forums that enable individuals to participate from home.

To better see how Congress can assist in job creation, Lee held over 60 meetings with local businesses this past summer to hear their concerns about the economy. Overwhelmingly, these job creators told Terry they were worried about over-regulation by federal agencies and are concerned about the cost of new mandates in the federal healthcare law. Lee believes one of the most important jobs as a Member of Congress is **listening to the people.** He does that—and is on the job all of the time for all of his constituents.



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