

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0552

Dear neighbor,

As your new member of Congress, I have been working hard and across the aisle these last few months to change business as usual in Washington.

I share your frustrations with Congress. The partisanship, bickering, and inaction on our major problems – it's just not right.

I've been encouraged, however, that there are others like me in Congress, especially newly-elected members, who want to work together to find real solutions for our country's most pressing problems. It will take a while, but I'm hopeful that we're laying the groundwork for better days ahead.

“No Budget No Pay” and Balancing the Budget

Passing the “No Budget, No Pay Act” was a good first step. In January, I helped lead the fight to pass this bill which holds Congress accountable – if Congress can't do its job, it shouldn't get paid. We owe it to our children and each other to responsibly balance our budget and put our country on stronger financial footing. Budget gimmicks like the sequester – automatic across-the-board cuts imposed when Congress failed to act – hurt San Diego.

Ensuring Veterans get the Support They Deserve

Making sure that we deliver on our promises to our veterans has never been more important. To date, I've cosponsored over 20 pieces of legislation to improve service delivery to our veterans and their families, and I've introduced my own bill – H.R. 1714, the Shelter our Servicemembers Act – which helps to combat homelessness among San Diego's veterans. I've also helped local veterans and their families claim hundreds of thousands of dollars in benefits veterans had earned with their sacrifice but had been backlogged or lost.

Growing San Diego's Economy, Creating New Jobs

In San Diego, our military is responsible for one of every four jobs and our innovation economy has produced the second largest life sciences technology cluster in the United States. I am honored to serve on both the House Armed Services Committee and the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee where I can more directly push for projects and policies that benefit San Diego.



Strengthening the “Violence Against Women Act”

In February, when reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act was in doubt, I fought for both passage and improvement of the bill. I’m proud that the version signed into law had bipartisan support and included provisions to protect a woman, regardless of her heritage or sexual orientation, from domestic violence.

Getting Results, Taking an Independent View and Keeping in Touch with You

Since being sworn into office in January, I’ve joined my colleagues in advocating for passage of almost 100 bills, helped over 150 people resolve issues with the federal government, and was recognized by the National Journal as one of the most independent members of Congress. I’ve also been busy attending community meetings around San Diego – along with hosting my own – to make sure I’m hearing from you and representing your voice in Congress. I hope you’ll attend one of my upcoming “Congress on your Corner” meetings so I can meet with and hear from you personally. Check my website or call my San Diego office for more information.

Enclosed with this letter is another way you can make your voice heard. Please take a few minutes to complete and return the enclosed survey. I’ve also included information about how my office can help you. If you need help, please either call my office at (858) 455-5550 or complete and return the enclosed card. I’m looking forward to working with you.

Please stay in touch. You can email me at scott.peters@mail.house.gov or find me online at www.scottpeters.house.gov, on Twitter at @RepScottPeters, and on Facebook.

Sincerely,



Scott

P.S. Please take a few minutes to fill out the questionnaire I have enclosed and mail it back to me. I need your thoughts on the major issues so I can better represent you in Congress.

Congressman Scott Peters Wants Your Opinion

Please take a minute to fill out this survey, then fold it, put it into a stamped envelope and mail it to me at: **2410 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515**. Knowing what you think will help me represent your views in Congress.



1. Which three issues are most important to you?

Please check no more than three:

- Helping strengthen our local economy and create jobs
- Ensuring veterans get the benefits they've earned
- Making college more affordable
- Protecting San Diego's strategic role in our national security
- Fostering the growth of San Diego's unique innovation ecosystem
- Protecting Social Security and Medicare
- Balancing the federal budget
- Slowing and preparing for climate change
- Securing our border and reforming immigration
- Holding Congress accountable and making sure they do their jobs
- Something else _____

2. Which do you think are the best ways to create quality jobs?

Please check no more than three:

- Reducing corporate taxes
- Reforming the tax code
- Increasing and simplifying access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs
- Protecting federal defense spending
- Increasing investments in new innovations like renewable energy and health care technologies
- Connecting community college and university programs with businesses so graduates have the skills employers need
- Reducing the volume of regulations businesses face
- Investing in basic scientific research
- Rebuilding our nation's roads, bridges and railways

3. When it comes to getting our nation's fiscal house in order, which approach do you prefer?

Please check no more than two:

- Congress should implement "No Budget No Pay," which requires Congress to pass a budget before getting paid
- Congress should take a balanced approach to the budget that combines new revenues, such as raising taxes on the wealthy or closing corporate tax loopholes, with targeted spending cuts
- Congress should continue to apply across-the-board spending cuts

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In a few words, please share with me any specific issue or issues you believe I should be focused on:

Please complete the information below, and return this form in a stamped envelope to the address on the other side.

Your Name

Address

City, CA ZIP

Email address

YES, I want to receive email updates from Congressman Scott Peters



Congressman Scott Peters Wants To Help Fix Problems

“With over 400 federal agencies, it can be hard to know exactly where to go or whom to call for help. If you have an issue with the VA, the IRS, the Social Security Administration, or any one of the many other government offices, I hope you'll contact us. Please call us directly at 858-455-5550 or complete and return the form on the back of this card.”



Here are some of the areas my office can help you with:

- ✓ **Social Security and Medicare** Are you nearing retirement and need to know your options for health care or prescription drug benefits? Do you need help claiming your Medicare, retirement or disability benefits?
- ✓ **Veterans** Do you have questions about the G.I. Bill? Are there issues with your service connected disability rating? Do you need a copy of your discharge papers or a set of replacement medals?
- ✓ **Small Business** Do you need assistance with SBA loans? Do you need information about how upcoming changes to our health care system affect your business?
- ✓ **Travelers** Are you heading overseas and need your passport application processed right away? Are you traveling to Washington, DC and want a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building?