



CONGRESSMAN  
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Representing the 1<sup>st</sup> District of **WISCONSIN**

Congressman Steil meeting with residents in our community about the need to protect Social Security and Medicare for seniors.

# YEAR ONE REPORT

## Happy New Year!

2019 was a busy year! My first bill passed the House. I held town halls in every county.

I continue to work on lowering the cost of health care, protecting Social Security and Medicare, and getting federal spending under control.

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On Wisconsin!

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## MIDDLE CLASS JOBS CAUCUS

I serve as the co-chair of the Middle Class Jobs Caucus in the House. This caucus is focused on ensuring that every American has the opportunity, skills, and education to obtain a good paying job.

## SUPPORTING WISCONSIN FARMERS, WORKERS, AND MANUFACTURERS

I fought to bring USMCA to the House floor for a vote. USMCA is an improved trade deal with two of Wisconsin's top trading partners—Mexico and Canada. This is a win for Wisconsin farmers, workers, and middle class families. USMCA gives Wisconsin farmers critical access to Canada's dairy market. It also creates jobs in the United States. From day one, I've supported this agreement and happy to see it pass the House.

## PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE, COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The first bill I introduced, the Exposing the Financing of Human Trafficking Act, holds countries accountable for their involvement in human trafficking. Understanding where illicit money comes from and where it is going gives countries the ability to crack down on human trafficking crimes. This bill requires countries to report to the State Department their efforts to investigate, prevent, and prosecute financial criminal activities associated with human trafficking.

Congressman Steil meets with dairy farmers about the need to implement USMCA. In April, Steil held an Agriculture and Trade roundtable to hear directly from Wisconsin farmers and producers about the need to have increased access to international markets.

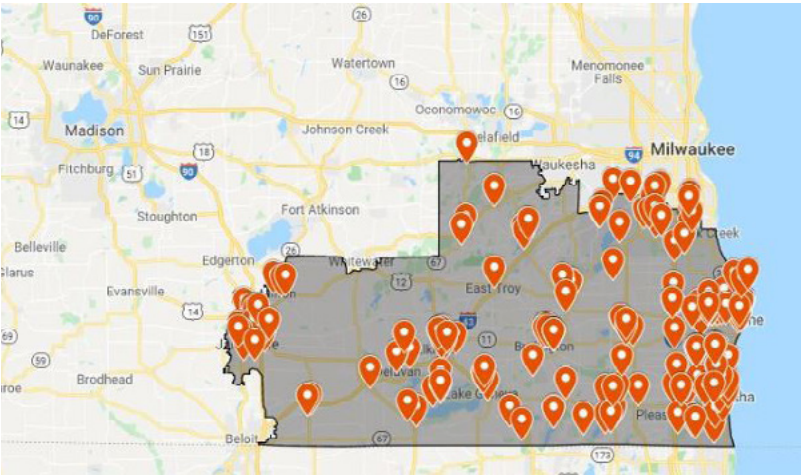
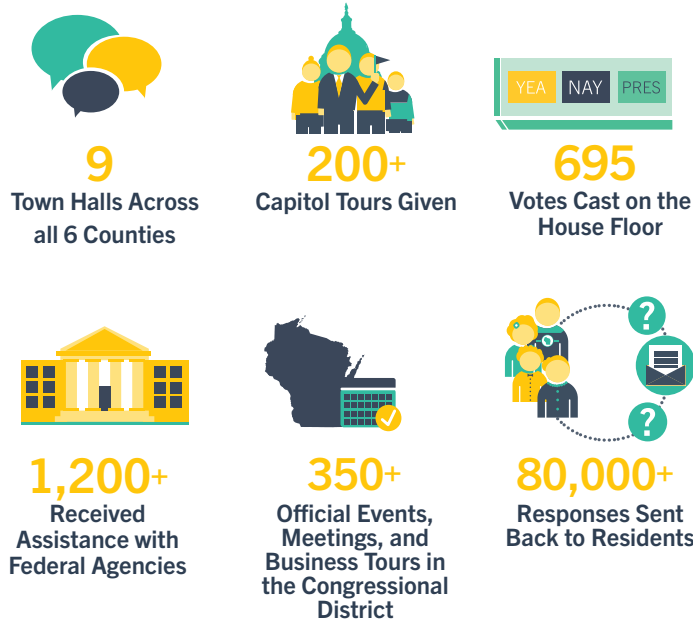






Congressman Steel learns from constituents on how Congress can ensure workers have access to high paying jobs and job creators have the ability to invest in our community.

LISTENING TO, AND WORKING FOR, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN



Travelling across Southeast Wisconsin, I meet with those in our community to discuss the issues important to you. From legislation to casework help, I am here to help you and your family.

If you have problems with the VA, Social Security Administration, or another federal agency please contact my office. This year, we helped a veteran obtain the aid and assistance he has earned from the VA. We also helped a senior receive his monthly Social Security benefits after having trouble receiving them. Please reach out to my office if we can be of assistance.

COSPONSORED BILLS TO HELP LOWER THE COSTS OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

- *Beneficiary Enrollment Notification and Eligibility Simplification (BENES) Act:* I cosponsored the BENES Act to ensure retirees have access to Medicare enrollment information and can avoid late sign-up penalty fees.
- *Public Disclosure of Drug Pricing Act:* This bill passed the House with my support. It allows Medicare recipients and their doctors to review drug prices and drug options in the doctor’s office. This allows Medicare recipients to know the price of a drug before picking it up at the pharmacy.

SENIORCARE EXTENDED FOR TEN YEARS

Working with the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation, we successfully obtained an extension of Wisconsin’s SeniorCare program for ten years. SeniorCare provides prescription drug assistance to low-income seniors. We must give our seniors certainty and ensure the program is stable. For 17 years, Wisconsin’s SeniorCare program has assisted seniors with the costs of prescription drugs.

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

In July, a bill I authored passed through the House of Representatives by a vote of 417-2. The Expanding Investment in Small Businesses Act of 2019 eliminates barriers so entrepreneurs can obtain capital, hire workers, and create good paying jobs in our communities. This bill is an example of Democrats and Republicans working together to make a positive change.

PROTECTING THOSE WITH PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

Ensuring families and workers across Southeast Wisconsin have access to affordable, quality health care is critical. This is especially important for those with preexisting conditions. I am a cosponsor of H.R. 383, the *Continuing Coverage for Preexisting Conditions Act of 2019*. This bill provides safeguards for individuals with preexisting conditions and guarantees they do not lose their coverage.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT REAUTHORIZATION

In April, I voted to reauthorize the *Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)*. The programs funded under VAWA support survivors, coordinate efforts between health officials and law enforcement agencies, and increase education and prevention efforts. Domestic abuse is too serious of an issue for political games.

HELPING VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES

Wisconsin’s First Congressional District is home to more than 45,000 veterans. I’m committed to supporting them through casework and legislation. This year, we brought on board a Wounded Warrior Fellow to handle veteran outreach, veteran and military casework, and service academy nominations.

Purple Star Families Week Act: Co-introduced this bill to honor families who lost a veteran to suicide and breaks the stigma military families and veterans face when dealing with mental health issues.

**Cosponsored and Helped Pass the House:**  
Homeless Veteran Families Act: Ensures the VA allocates funds to housing agencies caring for homeless veterans and their children.

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act: Now law, this ensures Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange receive VA benefits and care, regardless if they served off the coast of Vietnam or put boots on the ground.

Congressman Steel speaking at the Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention workshop in Kenosha. More than 200 residents attended to receive information on how to identify, report, and avoid spam calls.

NATIONAL SECURITY



Congressman Steel went to the U.S.-Mexico border to meet with law enforcement agents and to see the border crisis firsthand. In Congress, Rep. Steel supports legislation to increase resources for law enforcement and efforts to secure the border.

**U.S.-Mexico Border**  
Seeing the border firsthand reinforced my belief that we need to fix gaps in border security. While progress has been made to decrease the influx in illegal immigration and illicit drug trafficking, we can do more. Upgrading technology, building physical barriers, and supporting law enforcement are important to address the crisis. I will continue voting in favor to fix our broken immigration system.

**Israel**  
I joined 70 of my colleagues on a bipartisan congressional delegation to Israel—the largest bipartisan delegation ever to visit Israel. It was a busy few days meeting with Israeli leaders and going to the Israel-Syria border. Israel is one of the United States’ strongest allies. This visit focused on strengthening the United States’ relationship with Israel and its people.

BRINGING FEDERAL RESOURCES TO SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN

- Hosted...
- *Children’s Mental Health Forum*
  - *Federal Student Financial Aid Information Session*
  - *Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention Workshop (below)*





Congressman Steil attends numerous events in our community to meet with residents about the issues important to them. At an Alzheimer's event, Steil outlined his commitment to support Alzheimer's research and funding.



## FEDERAL SPENDING/BUDGET

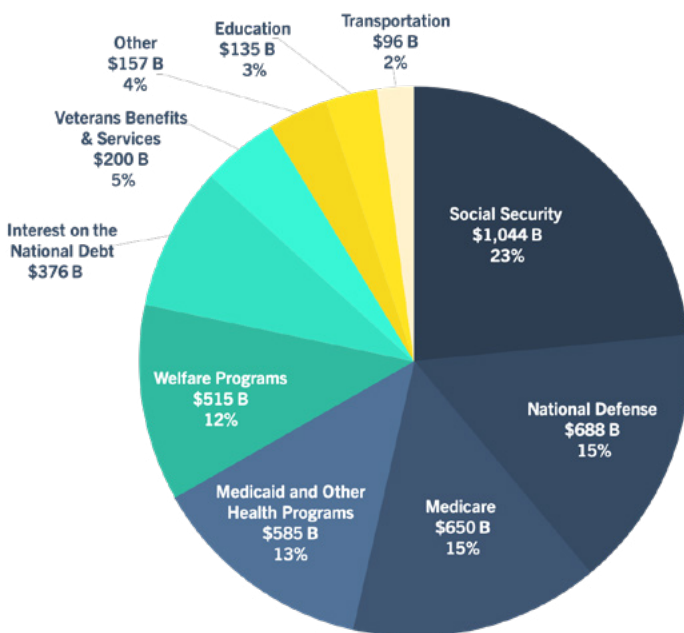
Washington has a spending problem. Congress' broken budget process results in expensive funding bills with no plan to pay for them. That's why I opposed a massive spending bill that will add \$300 billion to our deficit. This practice has gone on far too long.

Because we have a broken budget process, Congress has failed to vote on a budget highlighting our spending priorities for the year. Instead, we continue to vote on short-term spending bills that have damaging consequences for our federal agencies, especially the military. When the military does not operate under a long-term budget, training programs are halted, pilot shortages continue, and their missions are undermined.

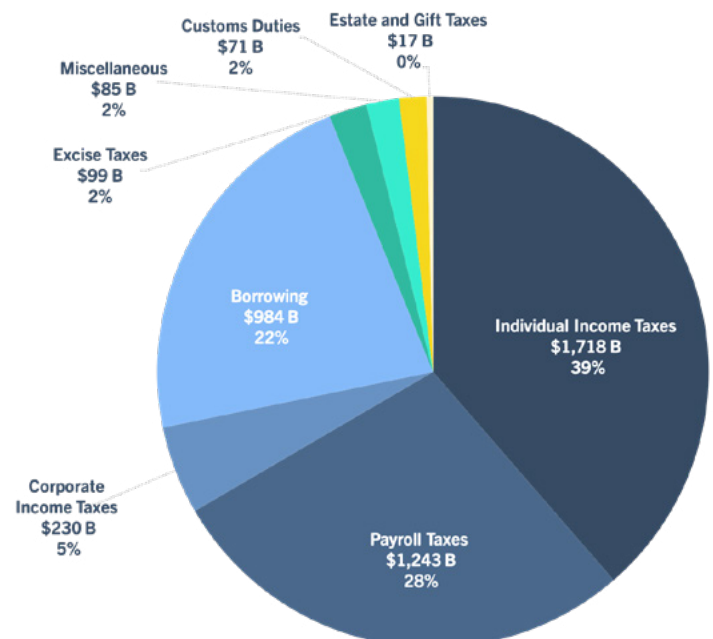
## LOWERING THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Families across Southeast Wisconsin are concerned with rising prescription drug costs. Congress must act to bring transparency to drug pricing and empower patients. I cosponsored the *Stopping Pharmaceutical Industry from Keeping Drugs Expensive (SPIKE) Act*. The SPIKE Act brings drug price transparency to the market. If a drug manufacturer of insulin or EpiPen drastically increases their prices, the company must publicly justify its decision to do so.

## 2019 FEDERAL SPENDING & FEDERAL REVENUE\*



FEDERAL SPENDING



FEDERAL REVENUE

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