

Congressman Dan Lipinski

U.S. House of Representatives (Illinois 3rd District)



Born and raised in the Southwest Side "Bungalow Belt" near Midway Airport, Representative Dan Lipinski is a proud native of Illinois' Third Congressional District, which he has represented since being elected in 2004.

In 1988, Rep. Lipinski graduated Magna Cum Laude from Northwestern University in Evanston, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Following Northwestern, he went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Engineering-Economic Systems from Stanford University.

In 1998 he was awarded his Doctoral Degree in Political Science from Duke University. After graduating from Duke, the American Political Science Association awarded him a Congressional Fellowship, during which time he worked on issues for House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt in the Democratic Policy Committee. Following this, he taught Political Science as an Assistant Professor at the University of Notre Dame and the University of Tennessee.

Congressman Lipinski was first elected to the House of Representatives in November 4, 2004, and was sworn in to begin his first term in the 109th Congress on January 4, 2005. He has subsequently been reelected every two years and is currently in his fourth term.

As Northeastern Illinois' only member of the powerful House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Lipinski has worked to improve America's transportation system, including more funding for roads, mass transit, rails, and airports. He has also been the leading advocate for the CREATE rail modernization program, a public-private partnership to reduce rail and road congestion throughout the Chicago region; in the last federal surface transportation bill he secured \$100 million for this program and then helped produce the agreement for the three-year, \$330 million first phase of CREATE. Congressman Lipinski has also brought another \$27 million to the district for other transportation projects. He serves on the three Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittees: Highways and Transit; Aviation; and Railroads.