

Questions

for New Yorkers from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

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Dear Neighbor,

As I write, the President has completed his State of the Union address and Minority Leaders Nancy Pelosi and Tom Daschle have given their response.

But I'm more interested in how you feel about the state of things, and I know that all I have to do to find out is to ask!

That's why I regularly send a questionnaire to my constituents in the 14th District. You may complete the questions inside and return it to me by mail, or visit my website and complete the form online at: <http://www.house.gov/maloney/survey.htm>

2004 is an important year and there are a host of significant issues I'll be working on in the coming months:

Preserving Social Security and Medicare. I believe our ability to sustain these programs is being put in jeopardy by the Administration's irresponsible tax policies.

Mutual fund reform. As the senior New York Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee, I helped pass a bipartisan mutual fund reform bill in the House which reforms the illegal practices exposed by N.Y. Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Homeland security. Funding for homeland security must reflect that New York City remains at risk for a future terrorist attack. Congress must mandate that the Department of Homeland Security distribute funds based on risk and population rather than using a formula that gives Wyoming \$38.61 per capita in basic homeland security grants, while New York receives only \$5.47.

Protecting air and water quality. The Administration's "Clear Skies" initiative would weaken existing safeguards that limit the amount of pollutants such as carbon monoxide and mercury that are released into the air. I plan to work against this initiative as well as others that attempt to weaken the Clean Water Act.

Rebuilding Iraq. As the Iraq reconstruction begins, we must bring our friends in the international community back into the coalition to achieve our goal of peace and democracy in Iraq. U.S. taxpayers cannot and should not bear the burden of such a mission alone.

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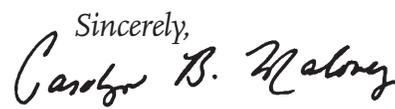
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Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Maloney

Question #1: What's most important to you?

What are the three most important issues facing Congress this year?

(Please rank "1" for the most important, "2" next important, "3" for the third most important)

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■ Families, Seniors and Health Care

Yes ___ **#2:**
No ___
Undecided ___

The new Medicare Prescription Drug Law passed by Congress prohibits Medicare administrators from negotiating with drug companies for the lowest prescription drug prices. Do you think that should be changed?

Yes ___ **#3:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Should health insurance and managed-care companies be required to cover mental illnesses on the same terms and limitations as those imposed for physical illnesses?

Yes ___ **#4:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Do you support federal funding for new lines of embryonic stem cells, which would help scientists find new treatments for diseases such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's?

Yes ___ **#5:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Administration economists have proposed diverting more than 50% of younger workers' Social Security payroll taxes into private accounts, managed by those workers. Since these younger workers' FICA taxes are now used to fund benefits for today's retirees, this would likely require cuts in benefits for current retirees. Do you support this Social Security privatization plan?

Yes ___ **#6:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Do you support the availability of emergency contraception in hospital emergency rooms and pharmacies to prevent unwanted pregnancies for sexual assault victims?

Yes ___ **#7:**
No ___
Undecided ___

New York City's Department of Aging is moving to provide home-bound seniors with frozen meals once a week, rather than hot meals daily, as is current practice. Do you support this change in Meals on Wheels?

■ Transportation

Yes ___ **#8:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Should Congress reject a plan to readjust transportation funding formulas in a way that increases spending on highways and reduces the percentage of funds to states like New York that maximize the use of efficient, environmentally-friendly mass transit systems?

Yes ___ **#9:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Do you believe that funding the Second Avenue Subway, running from 125th Street to the tip of lower Manhattan, and the Queens East Side Connector should be top transportation priorities?

■ Financial Services

Yes ___ **#10:**
No ___
Undecided ___

Should mutual fund managers be permitted to enter into special trading relationships with hedge funds that provide them higher commissions and increased profits at the expense of mutual fund shareholders?

■ Homeland Security

Yes ___ **#11:** Do you believe the federal government is doing all that it can to protect New York from a future terrorist attack?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#12:** Should New York City receive federal reimbursement for ongoing preparedness costs associated with being a likely target for a terrorist attack?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#13:** Should the federal government distribute homeland security funding based on where the threat level is highest, rather than guaranteeing each state a minimum amount regardless of threat level?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#14:** Should the federal government provide ongoing health care services for those injured or still sick after their exposure to toxins at Ground Zero?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

■ Environment

Yes ___ **#15:** An energy company wants to use Liberty Bonds, created by Congress to revitalize Lower Manhattan after 9/11, to build a new 1000-megawatt power plant in western Queens, which is already home to ten power plants. Do you support using Liberty Bonds in this way?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#16:** Do you support opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration and drilling?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#17:** Do you support efforts by the Administration to weaken the Clean Air Act by allowing higher levels of mercury and sulphur dioxide to be released by power plants?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

■ Foreign Policy

Yes ___ **#18:** Do you believe that the Administration has properly planned post-war reconstruction of Iraq?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

Yes ___ **#19:** Do you support an end to the occupation of northern Cyprus by Turkey to allow for the establishment of an independent and bi-communal federal republic?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

■ Housing

Yes ___ **#20:** More than 141,000 families are on the waiting list for Section 8 subsidized housing in New York City. Another 119,000 families are waiting for public housing, and yet the Bush Administration has no plan to deal with these backlogs. Do you support increasing affordable housing opportunities for New Yorkers?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

■ Veterans

Yes ___ **#21:** Do you oppose the Administration's proposal to move all inpatients and most outpatients from the 23rd Street Veterans Hospital in Manhattan which serves both Manhattan and Queens to facilities in Brooklyn, the Bronx and N.J.?
 No ___
 Undecided ___

What's your opinion?
Rep. Carolyn Maloney
wants to know!



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