



THE RIGELL REPORT

We Work for You!



Rep. Rigell and his wife Teri attend the Inactivation Ceremony of the USS Enterprise and speak with constituents who attend.

Friends,

In January I had the distinct privilege of being sworn in to the 113th Congress for a second term to represent Virginia's Second Congressional District, which now includes parts of Newport News and new parts of Hampton. To those who are new to VA-02—welcome! It is an honor to serve you and your family.

I am keenly aware that your expectations of me are

high. You expect me to listen to you, to lead in changing Washington, to be guided by sound principles and good judgment and to have the courage to speak the truth and to put country ahead of party. To the very best of my ability, and with God's grace, I will.

Mindful that I work for you, I remain

Yours in Freedom,

Let Us Help! A Message from Our District Director, Shannon Kendrick

It is with pleasure that we welcome parts of Newport News and additional parts of Hampton to the 2nd district! We take very seriously the needs of our constituents. In the months and weeks ahead, please remember we are your resource for resolution should you encounter difficulties with federal agencies. We work for you!

We are also here to listen and learn from you – we call this the wisdom of the district! We are only an email, phone call, Facebook, website message or meeting away! And please sign up for the Rigell Report via our website: Rigell.house.gov to receive updates.

Honored to Serve,

Shannon Kendrick



District Director Shannon Kendrick (r) with Janet Roach (l) of WVEC.

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RIGELL NAMED TO BUDGET COMMITTEE



Congressman Rigell will serve on the influential House Committee on the Budget and the House Armed Services Committee for the 113th Congress. The Committee on the Budget, chaired by Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, is considered to be one of the most influential in Congress because it sets the fiscal priorities of the United States government – including the nation’s defense spending – and sets spending limits for congressional appropriators.

“I am deeply humbled to serve in these important roles as we strive to shrink the size and scope of government and make Washington accountable for the money it spends,” said Rigell. “I look forward to being part of the solution in putting America on a better fiscal path.”

Representative Rigell sits on the House Committee on the Budget and the House Armed Services Committee. His top priorities in Congress are Creating Jobs, Cutting Spending, Defending the Military, and Reforming Congress.

Did you know?

Rep. Rigell gives back 15% of his salary to pay down our nation’s debt. That will total **more than \$100,000** by the end of his second term in office.

The View from VA-2!

(Below) Staff Representatives from Rep. Rigell’s office conduct satellite office hours throughout the district to better serve you and your family in Congress.



(Below) Welcome home to the men and women aboard the USS WINSTON S CHURCHILL and every service member who has recently returned home from service to our country.



(Above) Rep. Rigell meets with the Urban League of Hampton Roads to discuss jobs, the economy, and the strong need to invest in our younger generations of Americans.



How can we create jobs, generate revenue, and diversify our economy? **Energy!**

Rigell introduces bill to harvest coastal energy

This spring, Representative Scott Rigell introduced the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782) to open the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the coast of Virginia for energy development. Rigell's desire to open up coastal energy for Virginia is shared by both of Virginia's Democrat U.S. Senators as well as Governor Bob McDonnell, and others.

Recently, the House of Representatives passed the Offshore Energy and Jobs Act (H.R. 2231), which includes Representative Rigell's Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782). Specifically, his provisions require Lease Sale 220 (the area off of Virginia's coast that holds oil and natural gas) to be conducted within one year, the protection of Department of Defense military operations, and revenue sharing for the Mid-Atlantic states. The House also passed an amendment by Rigell to move forward seismic testing in the Atlantic.

What the Virginia Jobs and Energy Act (H.R. 1782) does:

- Opens up the coast of Virginia for responsible energy harvesting
- Establishes a revenue sharing framework between the federal government and Virginia
- Fast tracks the process for developing renewable energy

"The Virginia Jobs and Energy Act will bring Hampton Roads new jobs and new energy," said Congressman Scott Rigell. "A study by Mackenzie Woods says we can create as many as 18,000 local jobs while moving America away from a dangerous reliance on foreign oil. This translates into funds that could be used to improve local schools, fund transportation projects, and restore the Chesapeake Bay while diversifying our local economy."

Moving forward Virginia's coastal energy to create jobs has been one of Rigell's top legislative priorities since taking office in 2011. In the 112th Congress, his language to open up the OCS off of Virginia was passed in the House but died in the Senate.

"This legislation will change the lives of so many Americans," said Rigell. "Americans are looking for opportunity, and that's what this bill will give them. I encourage the Senate to pass, and the President to sign, this important legislation."

The bill is currently in the Senate for consideration.

Who Supports the VA Jobs and Energy Act?

- Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
- Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce
- Hampton Roads Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Virginia Beach Branch NAACP
- Hampton Roads Global Commerce Council
- The Port of Virginia
- And more!



(Above) Rep. Rigell speaks from the House floor about the importance of harnessing Virginia's coastal energy to create jobs, improve the economy, and reduce the United States' dependence on foreign oil.

Rigell's Contaminated Drywall Bill Signed into Law

In January of this year, President Obama signed into law Congressman Scott Rigell's Drywall Safety Act of 2012. The legislation sets chemical standards for domestic and imported drywall, establishes remediation guidelines for disposal of all drywall, and expresses a sense of Congress that China must be held accountable for the damage this product has already caused across America.



Rep. Rigell visits a local home affected by contaminated drywall.

“This is a major victory in the fight to protect American families from the effects of toxic drywall,” said Rigell, who represents Virginia’s Second Congressional District, one area which was particularly hard hit by the faulty building material. “I am proud to have worked with my colleagues across the aisle, around the country, and in both chambers of Congress to get this important piece of legislation signed into law. This is a great step, but I also know there is more to be done to make the existing victims whole.”

The Contaminated Drywall Safety Act

- Expresses a Sense of Congress that the Chinese manufacturers need to make restitution to the victims.
- Institutes a labeling requirement so that defective drywall can be traced to the manufacturer.
- Sets chemical standards to limit the amount of sulfur that can be present in domestic and imported drywall, allowing the Consumer Product Safety Commission two years to promulgate a rule pertaining to sulfur content.
- Requires the Consumer Product Safety Commission to update their remediation guidelines to prevent contaminated drywall from being reused or recycled.

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