



CONGRESSMAN  
**BRAD SCHNEIDER**  
Representing the 10<sup>th</sup> District of **ILLINOIS**

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## **Serving Illinois' 10th Congressional District:** The Year in Review, 2021



To the Tenth Congressional District of Illinois:

After a long year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the work of Congress in general, and my team in particular, as we serve the Tenth District. Among Congress's key achievements this year are:

**Passing the American Rescue Plan (ARP) in March and jumpstarting the strongest economic recovery in history.** ARP put money in the pockets of working families, and helped struggling small businesses keep their doors open. The economy is now growing at its fastest rate in 40 years. We added 6 million jobs this year, wages are up, and unemployment claims are at their lowest level since 1969. With the rapid growth, and the challenges of the pandemic, we are also working to reign in inflation and beginning to see positive effects of our efforts. For example, gasoline prices are down 18 cents from November's peak.

**Passing the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest national investment in infrastructure ever. This bipartisan achievement** will rebuild our local roads and bridges, replace lead pipes in millions of homes, and create millions of good-paying jobs. Illinois has already received significant money from this historic piece of legislation.

**Vaccinating more than 200 million Americans against the ravages of COVID.** ARP funded vaccination programs in Lake and Cook counties and across the state. At this time last year, less than 1% of Americans were fully vaccinated. Today, 61% of all Americans are fully vaccinated, which is especially important as we navigate the new Omicron variant.

**Cutting taxes for families, and cutting child poverty in half:** Thanks to the Child Tax Credit expansion in the American Rescue Plan, we put more money every month in parents pockets and cut child poverty in half nationwide. In the Tenth District alone, more than 124,000 children and their families benefitted from these monthly payments.

**Build Back Better Agenda:** The House-Passed Build Back Better Act contains many bold, transformative initiatives, including the largest ever investment in taking on climate change, providing preschool for all American children, expanding access to health care for millions of Americans and lowering the cost of prescription drugs. And all of this is responsibly paid for. There remains much work to get the bill through the Senate, and much is also likely to therefore change. But I remain committed to pursuing every possible option for delivering these needed investments to our communities.

In addition to these major nationwide accomplishments, in the pages that follow, I've assembled a list of many of the items I and my team have worked on this year. I remain focused and addressing the priorities and needs of the Tenth District, while continuing to seek opportunities to reach across the aisle and build bipartisan consensus. In fact, nearly two-thirds of the bills I introduced this year had Republican support. And it's why I was excited to help create the

bipartisan SALT Caucus committed to bringing relief to the working families adversely affected by the cap on the deductibility of state and local taxes



I am enormously proud of what we have achieved so far. But I also know we still have much more work ahead, including bolstering our already strained health care system to beat back the latest COVID wave, accelerating our national and global response to a rapidly warming climate, and investing in our children's future to ensure the United States is always prepared to lead on the global stage. We also have to finally act on immigration reform and strengthen both Social Security and Medicare. And of course, we need to protect and preserve the very foundation upon which our democracy stands—ensuring every citizen can confidently and safely cast their vote and know that their vote is accurately counted.

On these matters, and so many more, I'm looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and continuing the work in the new year.

Wishing you a healthy and happy 2022,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley J. Schneider".

Brad Schneider

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## Jobs and Bipartisan Infrastructure Investments



*Above: Congressman Schneider visits local road work*

**Supporting bipartisan, once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure:** I supported the passage of the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, the single largest federal investment in infrastructure since the Eisenhower highway program. This legislation will make generational investment to bring our roads and bridges into a state of good repair, help usher in the green economy with historic investments in EV charging infrastructure, make significant investments in public transit, and address legacy issues like replacing lead piping and expanding broadband.

With the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Illinois will receive more than \$11 billion for road and bridge repair projects like improvements to east-west traffic along Illinois Route 120. The new law will provide Illinois with \$4 billion to improve public transportation options, transforming everything from projects like our Metra system to the Pace bus routes across our district. Illinois will receive more than \$1.7 billion for clean water and lead water line replacement in towns like North Chicago and Waukegan, and many others. Sewage and flooding improvements will be funded across flood-prone communities such as the Fox River, Des Plaines River, and the North Branch Chicago River Watersheds. The new law will also invest in our clean energy future, helping to fund the construction of a robust electric vehicle charging

network across the state, while also making the single biggest federal investment in our history towards climate resiliency.

### **Rep. Brad Schneider discusses how the new infrastructure law will impact Illinoisans**

“It’s the largest infrastructure investment made in at least a couple generations. It has a significant impact for the country and Illinois. For example, Illinois is set to receive \$11 million for road and bridge repair. In my district that would mean fixing east-west traffic along Route 20.” (WCPT Radio, 11/19/21)

### **All the upcoming roadwork will be great, until you try to drive through it**

Prior to many of us getting in our fossil-fueled vehicles to travel Lake County’s congested highways for Thanksgiving Day festivities, Congressman Brad Schneider began a tour of said roadways. Accompanied by a bevy of Democratic governmental officials early last week, he zeroed in on the Buffalo Grove area.

The Deerfield Democrat, who will represent more of Lake County in a remapped 10th Congressional District if he is reelected next year, will be touring area construction sites to tout capital spending projects under President Joe Biden’s Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In a rare bipartisan spirit, Congress adopted the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package and President Biden eagerly signed it on Nov. 15.

Who doesn’t want a slice for Lake County roadwork, especially if everybody else is getting a piece of the federal pie? Considering that the state’s 145,700 miles of roadways are ranked third-worst in the U.S. for travel delay, excess fuel consumed, truck congestion and overall traffic congestion, the money is desperately needed.

That was pointed by the American Society of Civil Engineers, which gave state roads an overall grade of “D,” which if you recall the grading systems of yore means one is in bad shape academically. Another study gives Illinois a ranking of 39th in overall road conditions, with 19% of roads in the Land of Lincoln in poor condition.

This is not breaking news to those of us who drive between Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. If the potholed Illinois highways and tollways, battered by heavy traffic usage and the freeze-thaw cycle, aren’t under construction, they certainly should be.

Try negotiating those daunting miles of roadwork on the Tri-State Tollway south of O’Hare International Airport. Who knows what they’re diligently working on or rearranging down there, but hopefully it will be smooth commuting once completed in a year or two.

That’s the flip side of all this federal money being tossed about for highway infrastructure: The pain of roadwork, and traveling through work zones. Roadwork good; construction hassles bad.

According to Schneider, motorists will be seeing more road construction, like the interchange work at interstates 57 and 74 near the University of Illinois, under a formula in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act hammered out by usually stingy bean counters. Illinois is expected over five years to receive \$9.8 billion for federal-aid, highway apportioned programs, and another \$1.4 billion for bridge replacement and repairs.

This is in addition to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois infrastructure program. Then, there's the Lake County Department of Transportation wish list, funded in part by the additional four-percent increase in the gas tax pushed by County Board Democrats earlier this year.

For those in the roadbuilding trades, it appears there will be full employment for the next decade. Too bad Route 53 is but a memory for most of the county's elected representatives.

"The infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is perfectly named," the congressman said. "It's the greatest investment we've ever made in our infrastructure, and it partners with our local communities to create good-paying jobs here at home." Averaging that \$9.8 billion across the state's current 18 congressional districts, Schneider says about \$540 million should be earmarked for the 10th District. (Chicago Tribune, 12/1/21)

### [Schneider helps pass INVEST in America Act, which includes Glenview project](#)

Congressman **Brad Schneider**, a Deerfield Democrat, helped pass the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act, which would fund significant surface transportation needs across the country. He helped secure support for five local projects submitted earlier this year, including one in Glenview.

"The INVEST in America Act will strengthen the middle class in Illinois and the nation by creating thousands of good-paying jobs, as well as rebuild our crumbling infrastructure to handle the effects of climate change. I am proud that all five local transportation projects progressed to the next round of the funding process as part of the INVEST in America Act, which lays the foundation for a larger infrastructure package to move America forward. I will continue to advocate for these community investments as the legislation moves forward through Congress," said **Schneider**.

The Milwaukee Avenue Improvement Project in Glenview "would improve a high-congestion, high-accident region of IL-21 by improving pavement reconstruction, intersection geometry improvements with dual left-turn lanes, installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities, traffic, and pedestrian signal replacement," according to **Schneider's** office. (Daily Herald, 7/22/21)

### [Federal grant to help purchase 45 new breathing apparatus packs for Niles firefighters](#)

Niles firefighters will be able to breathe a little easier responding to fires after U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-10th), whose district includes a small part of Niles, said the Niles Fire Dept. will receive a \$207,400 grant award for equipment.

Niles Fire Chief Marty Feld said he received an official notice Friday, Sept. 3 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the \$207,400 Assistance to Firefighter Grant award through FEMA and the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security. Feld said he received a call from **Schneider** earlier that week informing him of the grant award.

“Our firefighters and first responders answer the call, putting their lives on the line every day for our communities,” **Schneider** said in a written statement. “We owe it to them to ensure their departments have the resources and training they need to keep themselves and our neighborhoods safe. I am thrilled that our communities won seven competitive grants. My team and I remain available to help fire departments and other local governmental and non-profit organizations locate and apply for federal grants.”

Friday, **Schneider’s** office announced \$1.3 million in federal grants to seven fire departments in the 10th Congressional District, including Niles. (Journal & Topics, 9/6/21)

### [Lake County seeking federal money for path between Des Plaines River, McClory trails](#)

On Tuesday, the county announced that the path is one of seven projects submitted by U.S. Reps. Sean Casten, **Brad Schneider** and Lauren Underwood for Congress to consider for funding. The path project would receive \$9.8 million of the \$50 million sought.

**Schneider** last Friday announced he had submitted the \$9.8 million request to fund Stages 1 and 4 of the Patriot Path to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee as one of his five "Member Designated Projects," also known as earmarks. (Daily Herald, 5/4/21)

### [Congressional committees to review \\$60 million in proposed Lake County projects](#)

Reps. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville, and Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, submitted their annual wish list for local projects to the Appropriations Committee and their quadrennial request to the Transportation Committee.

**Schneider** said every four years each representative gives a list of projects in their district which they prioritize for funding by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and another list annually to the Appropriations Committee.

The breadth of the emergency operations center is one of the reasons **Schneider** said he put it on his list. He wants to touch as many people as possible with the suggestions. That one transcends his district, and includes parts of the areas represented by Casten and Underwood.



A \$6 million Metra Zero Emissions vehicle emissions pilot project is one which **Schneider** said motivates him because it benefits the entire region. The goal is developing train engines which will emit no carbon.

"It can eventually help the entire nation," he said. (Lake County News Sun, 5/6/21)

### [\\$2M road improvement project proposed by Schneider for Glenview](#)

A high-accident, high-congestion region of Illinois Route 21 may soon see what officials call much-needed improvements. U.S. Rep **Brad Schneider** (D-Deerfield) submitted for funding with the Appropriations Committee and Transportation and Infrastructure Committee a \$2 million improvement to Milwaukee Avenue through Glenview.

"These community projects represent programs that, should they be funded, will benefit wide areas and large numbers of people in the Tenth District," **Schneider** said. "These projects would generate economic growth, improve access to mental health services, reduce flooding, and enhance community safety." (Patch, 6/7/21)

### [Planned 911 center could reduce dispatch times across Lake County](#)

Late last month, U.S. Rep **Brad Schneider**, a Deerfield Democrat, announced the project was one of four in his 10th Congressional District that will be included in the 2022 Homeland Security Funding Bill.

"I am grateful that the Appropriations Committee included these local projects for consideration in their Homeland Security fiscal year budget," **Schneider** said. "I will continue to work to advocate for each of these projects as the legislation moves through Congress and is updated." (Daily Herald, 7/12/21)

### [How a vacant lot in Mundelein could become a cool gathering place](#)

It doesn't look like much now, but Mundelein Mayor Steve Lentz has a grand, communal vision for the grassy lot on Park Street east of Route 45, right in the heart of the downtown district.

Occupying about 4,000 square feet at 22 E. Park St., the lot is on the same stretch of roadway that's closed to automobile traffic this summer so restaurants there can serve customers alfresco. The village's plans call for picnic benches and tables, climbable furniture for kids, a paved pad for food trucks or food kiosks, overhead lighting and other elements.

Officials hope to create a public venue that complements the outdoor dining area and is its own attraction. Outdoor dining on Park Street began last year to help the eateries on the block -- Tina

G's, the Park Street Restaurant and Area Coffee -- make money during the COVID-19 crisis. Portable barriers keep cars away.

U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, a Deerfield Democrat whose district includes downtown Mundelein, is seeking federal funds to support the effort. (Daily Herald, 7/18/21)

### [Schneider pushes Senate to fix 'bottleneck' Glenview intersection](#)

Congressman Brad **Schneider** is hoping an infrastructure bill currently in front of the U.S. Senate, and recently passed by the U.S. House, gets approved to help push forward a project Glenview. The infrastructure bill contains funding language for improvements to Glenview's Milwaukee Ave and West Lake Ave intersection.

"Our nation's infrastructure has fallen behind after failing to invest in it for generations. The consequences of Senate action right now will impact our communities in Illinois," **Schneider** said in a news release. "People don't realize that bottleneck intersections like ours in Glenview ... are what is at stake in the Senate. If we can invest in these projects, traffic and flooding will abate, delivering jobs and a boost to our quality of life."

**Schneider** secured House passage of funding for Milwaukee Ave improvements as part of the INVEST in America Act. The project would improve conditions with pavement reconstruction, intersection geometry improvements with dual left turn lanes, installation of ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities, traffic, and pedestrian signal replacement. (Patch, 8/4/21)

### [An 'embarrassment' no longer, North Chicago's Metra station gets a facelift](#)

Carlson said U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, who was also in attendance, was championing the green locomotive initiative.

"What we see here is the power of working together," **Schneider** said. "We also see the need to invest in our infrastructure." (Lake County News Sun, 8/6/21)

### [More spending for Dady Slough project on horizon, Schneider hopes](#)

Congressman **Brad Schneider** (D-Deerfield) visited Dady Slough Lake Friday to call for Senate action on flood storage improvements and wetland enhancements for the area.

While the infrastructure bill including funding for the enhancement project passed the House, **Schneider** said the Senate has an important decision to make in maintaining the area and preventing more flooding that has displaced hundreds of families.

"Our nation's infrastructure has fallen behind after failing to invest in it for generations. The consequences of Senate action right now will impact our communities in Illinois," said **Schneider**. "The Senate now has the power to prevent displacement of over 800 local families due to severe flooding from Dady Slough Lake." (Patch, 8/12/21)

### [Lake County approves contract to advance proposed 'Patriot Path' multiuse trail along Route 137](#)

In May, U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** announced he had requested \$9.8 million for the work as part of the 2021 reauthorization of the federal surface transportation bill. (Daily Herald, 10/12/21)

### [With infrastructure bill passed, Lake County's congressional representatives set sights on Build Back Better Act vote](#)

Pieces of legislation originally authored by Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, Rep. Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville, and Rep. Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, are part of the Build Back Better Act focusing on health, education, family and climate change initiatives.

**Schneider** said the Build Back Better cost will not increase the federal deficit. It will lower it over time. No increase is planned for individual tax rates for people earning less than \$400,000 a year, and they may get a tax reduction.

Some businesses will pay more income taxes. **Schneider** said corporations will pay a minimum tax of 15%, and a stronger effort will be made to collect taxes already due. He is an active member of the House Ways and Means Committee which crafts tax legislation.

"Finally people won't be able to say the largest corporations do not pay any taxes," **Schneider** said. (11/8/21)

**Pushing for community projects within surface transportation legislation:** When the House passed the INVEST in America Act, it included five projects Rep. Schneider had championed for IL-10 within the Member-Designated Projects process:

- **North Chicago PACE Improvements:** Schneider included this project at the Lovell Federal Health Center to ensure the PACE Bus route is ADA accessible and includes all updated safety improvements for passengers.
- **Zion's 27th Street resurfacing:** Schneider included this project to help improve a major east-west thoroughfare through Zion.

- **Lake County's Patrio Path:** Schneider included this bike path proposal that would connect several existing bike paths in Lake County, helping expand the network of trails in the area.
- **Glenview's Milwaukee Ave. Improvements:** Schneider included funding to improve a major intersection along IL-21 (Milwaukee Ave.) in Glenview to help increase traffic flow and improve public safety.
- **Metra Zero Emissions Pilot Program:** Schneider included funding to support Metra's proposal for a zero emissions locomotive pilot that would pave the way for them to decarbonize their commuter operations.

**Securing federal funding for community projects:** This Congress, Rep. Schneider supported four infrastructure-focused Community Project Funding Requests that passed the House with the annual FY 22 appropriations legislation. They include:

- **Wolf Street Sidewalk:** Funding for this project would be used to complete a sidewalk to provide a safe pedestrian thoroughfare, in particular for nearby 6,000 residents of multifamily housing units. Currently the road has a drainage ditch running parallel to the roadway, forcing pedestrians to walk along the shoulder next to 40mph traffic. Adding a sidewalk would ensure the 2,200 households would have safe walking access to nearby public transportation, local businesses, and institutions like Harper College.
- **Zion Stormwater Project:** This stormwater management and flood mitigation project would help alleviate ongoing flooding at a local Park District-operated senior center and a separate recreation center.
- **Dady Slough Water Infrastructure:** This Lake County-sponsored flood mitigation project that would directly impact more than 800 households, local institutions like a high school, and a major state-owned thoroughfare. This is the County's highest priority flood mitigation project and would help two low-income communities as well as have significant downstream benefits.
- **North Chicago Storm Sewer:** This high-priority stormwater management and flood mitigation project would support local, state, and federal assets, including housing for Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois Route 41, and local homes and facilities. The project would also provide downstream benefit by increasing water storage capacity.

**Helping communities with railway grade separation:** Rep. Schneider helped introduce legislation with Rep. Chuy Garcia that would authorize \$2.5 billion towards highway-railway grade separation projects. Creating grade separation benefits both traffic flow and public safety, and given the significant rail presence in IL-10 could be a great benefit to our community.

## Economic Recovery



*Above: Congressman Schneider visits with local business Goode Foods*

When our economy is growing, companies are expanding and people are secure in their jobs, our nation can accomplish anything. Two years ago, COVID knocked our economy to its knees. But thanks to the perseverance of the American people, the innovation of American businesses and the assistance of the American Rescue Plan, and now the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, our economy is back on its feet.

### **The House-passed Build Back Better Act**

**Expands access to affordable, high-quality education beyond high school:** increasing the Pell Grant and helping more people access training at community and technical colleges to fill high-wage job openings.

**Makes the largest investment in affordable housing in history**

**Extends the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** for around 17 million low-wage workers



**Restores the State and Local Tax (SALT) Deduction** for millions of middle class families

### [Schneider visits Buffalo Grove business helped by COVID-19 relief](#)

Congressman **Brad Schneider** (D-Deerfield) highlighted the impact of COVID-19 relief programs on small businesses across the Tenth District during his Small Business Assistance Tour earlier this week.

**Schneider** visited with four small businesses and their owners: Dave Thoenson at Tamarak Day Camp, Antonella Granito and her husband Nunzio at Bonta, Emile Johnson at Goode Foods, and Lacey Rust at Reverie Dance Academy to discuss how COVID-19 relief programs helped their business stay afloat during the pandemic, according to a news release. **Schneider's** office helped the business owners apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans or Paycheck Protection Program Loans.

**Schneider** met with Lacey Rust, the owner and artistic director of the woman-owned small business Reverie Dance Academy in Buffalo Grove. **Schneider's** office helped Rust apply for an EIDL loan of \$50,000 and a \$10,000 EIDL advance, according to the news release. (Patch, 8/15/21)

### [Town hall in Vernon Hills discusses COVID relief for small businesses](#)

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, discussed COVID-19 relief, small-business assistance and gun violence prevention with constituents at his “Congress On Your Corner” in Vernon Hills on Aug. 17.

During his second town hall since the pandemic began, **Schneider** highlighted the impact the American Rescue Plan had on the Vernon Hills community.

“Our communities have overcome so much in the last 17 months fighting this pandemic. I was grateful to hear from constituents and small-business owners in Vernon Hills on [Aug. 17] so I could hear firsthand how I can continue to deliver for them. When I get back to Washington, I will continue to build on the success of the American Rescue Plan, fight for small businesses, and keep working to end the gun violence epidemic in our country,” **Schneider** said in a news release.

In March, **Schneider** helped pass The American Rescue Plan, which included \$3.6 million in direct assistance to Vernon Hills and \$136 million total in assistance to Lake County.

Throughout the pandemic, **Schneider** has been a leading voice in helping secure funding to support small businesses. After consulting with hundreds of small-business owners in the 10th District, Schneider urged the Small Business Administration to expand funding for the Paycheck

Protection Program and Economic Impact Disaster Loan program after they initially ran out of funding. He urged SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza to resolve initial issues with the programs as quickly and transparently as possible. (Lake County Journal, 8/26/21)

### Leadership in a hyper-partisan age: Retail Revitalization Act a lifeline for business owners

In this extremely divided political climate, it is rare to find common ground between the left and right sides of the aisle. However, Reps. Darin LaHood (R) and **Brad Schneider** (D) are two Illinois members of the powerful Ways and Means committee who have put aside partisan politics to introduce legislation that is laser-focused on helping the nation get back to business. (Champaign/Urbana News-Gazette, 3/8/21)

### Ravinia, Writers Theatre among suburban arts centers receiving COVID relief funds

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, a Deerfield Democrat representing Illinois' 10th District, on Friday announced the relief funds which will help save and create jobs in the arts and entertainment sector. (Daily Herald, 8/29/21)

### Op-Ed: Taking a closer look at the future of our nation's supply chains

Every day, Americans rely on vast, complex, and interconnected supply chains that manufacture and deliver everything from life essentials such as food, clothing and medicines to pieces, parts and products for businesses small and large. Yet despite their clear importance to everyday life and a growing economy, most people give at best passing thought to the operation and sustainability of these systems. This fact is even more true for our government — at least until there is a crisis... (The Hill, 3/25/21)

### House Democrats Pass Biden's Social Spending Bill

“The Build Back Better Act is making investments that are going to help us reduce inflation. It's going to lower the cost of healthcare, lower the cost of childcare. It means people are going to be able to stay in their home communities and provide for their families. Long-term, it's an investment for our future, for our communities and for our families.” (Fox News, 11/20/21)

### Schneider introduces bipartisan legislation to support retailers

Today, Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) introduced the Retail Revitalization Act to support retailers struggling to stay afloat during the pandemic by enabling more private sector investment in the industry.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has decimated the retail sector, resulting in lost jobs and shuttered doors. Retailers across the county are already facing bankruptcy, liquidation or large-scale job losses. Allowing REIT landlords to infuse more capital into their retail tenants will help offset the retail sector's devastating losses caused by the pandemic and save jobs," said Congressman Brad Schneider.

"The COVID-19 pandemic and state-mandated closures have decimated Illinois small businesses, particularly our retail industry. Retailers need more funding as they work to recover from the pandemic and this legislation will help infuse critical private capital into small businesses struggling," said Congressman Darin LaHood. "I am proud to join my Ways and Means Committee colleague, Congressman Brad Schneider, in this effort and look forward to working with him.

**Working to raise the minimum wage:** Rep. Schneider helped introduce legislation to raise the federal minimum wage for the first time in more than a decade, from the current \$7.25 per hour to \$15 per hour.

**Helping businesses weather the pandemic:** Rep. Schneider's office helped hundreds of small business owners secure Paycheck Protection Program funding, Economic Injury Disaster Loans, and shuttered venue operators grants through the Small Business Administration to stay afloat during the pandemic. Rep. Schneider also cosponsored [legislation](#) to extend the Paycheck Protection Program and legislation to support [restaurants](#) and [live event venues](#) during the pandemic.

**Supporting the beleaguered retail industry:** Retail has been significantly impacted by the economic toll of the pandemic. To support the sector, Rep. Schneider introduced the bipartisan *Retail Revitalization Act* that would help cash-strapped retail tenants receive assistance from their landlords in a business-helping-business solution by tapping into their equity.

**Helping communities like Zion storing nuclear waste:** To support communities like Zion that shoulder the legacy of America's nuclear energy program by storing spent nuclear fuel, Rep. Schneider introduced the STRANDED Act that would provide direct economic impact payments to local governments to support economic development. These payments would be based on the amount of spent nuclear fuel stored in the community. The bill would also create an 'innovation

solutions prize' competition at the Economic Development Administration to spur new ways of helping these communities.

**Securing Federal Funding for Community Projects:** This Congress, Rep. Schneider supported four economic development-focused Community Project Funding Requests that passed the House with the annual FY 22 appropriations legislation. They include:

- **Northern Illinois Food Bank:** Schneider's request would provide the Northern Illinois Food Bank with \$750,000 in federal funds to support their acquisition of a new food distribution center in Lake County, helping them expand their outreach and impact.
- **Park Street Closure project:** Schneider's request would support \$600,000 in federal funds to expand Mundelein's successful outdoor space along the downtown-area Park Street, providing areas for outdoor dining and shopping.
- **Waukegan Carnegie Library:** Schneider's request would support \$3.75 million in federal funding to revitalize the Waukegan Carnegie Library, spurring economic activity downtown and providing an event space in the central business district.
- **College of Lake County:** Schneider's request would provide \$898,000 to the College of Lake County to administer a program to provide workers, as well as unemployed and underemployed individuals and dual credit students in Illinois' Tenth District, with a pathway to high-need jobs in manufacturing.

**Fought to reestablish full SALT deduction:** Rep. Schneider has been a stalwart supporter of rolling back the \$10,000 cap Republicans enacted on the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction, a tax hike that is felt by thousands of middle-class around our community. His efforts include:

- **Helping introduce legislation to enact full SALT deduction:** Schneider co-led bipartisan legislation with Rep. Tom Suozzi that would repeal the cap on the SALT deduction that Republicans put in place in 2017.
- **Pushing for SALT resolution as part of Build Back Better:** Throughout the legislative process for the Build Back Better Act, Schneider has continuously called on House leadership, the White House, and the Senate to include within the bill a repeal on the onerous 2017 SALT cap.
- **Hosting roundtables to discuss SALT's impact:** Schneider hosted in-district events that highlighted the impact of capping the SALT deduction with such guests as mayors, state legislators, and the Lake County treasurer.

**Passed legislation to provide tax credits for state and local paid leave signed into law:** Rep. Schneider introduced the bipartisan *Supporting State and Local Leaders Act* to provide state and local government's access to the same emergency paid leave tax credits given to private-sector

workers as part of pandemic-related legislation. This legislation was passed as part of the *American Rescue Plan Act* that President Biden signed into law in March.

**Advocating on behalf of taxpayers:** As a Member of the House Ways & Means Committee, Rep. Schneider spent the year advocating on behalf of his constituents. His office has coordinated tax-related casework for hundreds of constituent tax-payers dealing with the IRS. Additionally, he has introduced legislation to simplify quarterly tax filing deadlines, has advocated on expanded access to VITA tax-filing assistance during the pandemic, and pushed for the IRS to delay its annual tax filing deadline in light of the pandemic.

**Protections for Workers and Bereaved Families:** Rep. Schneider continues to lead the fight to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to cover loss of a child. Rep. Schneider's bipartisan legislation, the Parental Bereavement Act of 2021 would add death of a child as a life event that would qualify for unpaid leave under the FMLA, allowing a grieving parent up to 12 weeks to mourn a child's loss and then return to work. Rep. Schneider was able to secure a version of his legislation as an amendment in the FY 22 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to grant two weeks of paid leave to federal employees to mourn the loss of a child. The FY 22 NDAA passed the House and Senate and is now awaiting the signature of President Biden.

**Enhancing and Expanding Affordable Housing.** Rep. Schneider cosponsored the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (H.R. 2573), which would modify and expand the low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC). Four major provisions from H.R. 2573 were ultimately included in the version of the Build Back Better Act that passed the House. The Build Back Better Act provisions to strengthen and expand the LIHTC would constitute the most significant expansion of the housing credit ever, resulting in the creation of 812,000 additional affordable homes and better targeted support for extremely low-income households.

**Introduced Legislation to Help Businesses Hurt by Tariffs.** Rep. Schneider introduced the **Assistance for Firms Harmed by Tariffs Act (H.R. 5289)**, legislation, which makes firms harmed by retaliatory tariffs eligible for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) for Firms Program. The TAA for Firms is a federal program that provides financial assistance to manufacturers affected by import competition. The Build Back Better Act, passed by the House, included the Congressman's idea by changing the formula for TAA, by enabling those who experienced a decrease in exports to qualify for TAA.

**Shoring up America's Supply Chain.** Rep. Schneider introduced, along with Sen. Dick Durbin, the **PPE in America Act (H.R. 1436)**, bipartisan legislation to address shortages of PPE and



testing supplies. H.R. 1436 would boost domestic PPE and testing supply production and promote a more sustainable supply chain by ensuring more predictable, dedicated funding from the Strategic National Stockpile to American manufacturers of applicable medical supplies.

**Calling for Creation of a Medical Supply Chain Coordinator:** Since the early days of the pandemic during the Trump Administration, Rep. Schneider has called for a more coordinated response to ongoing shortages of essential goods, including PPE such as masks, gowns, gloves, etc. His legislation, H.R. 6952, would require the President to appoint a Medical Supplies Response Coordinator to specifically coordinate the procurement and distribution of critical medical supplies to help beat back this virus.

**Leading Whole of Government Effort to Fight COVID-19.** Rep. Schneider introduced the **COVID-19 Supply Chain Resiliency Act of 2021 (H.R. 1024)**, bipartisan legislation to establish the Office of COVID-19 Supply Chain Resiliency. The goal of this new office is to identify and address supply chain issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Congressman advocated to leadership that supply chain bills come to the House floor for a vote and that they create a Select Committee on the Supply Chain Crisis, to tackle ongoing supply chain issues.

## Ensuring Affordable Accessible Health Care, Health Equity, and Cutting the Cost of Prescription Drugs

The pandemic further exposed the gaps in our nations health care system. The richest country in the world should have the best health care system in the world, with every American have quality, affordable care from practitioners they trust, close to where they live. Health care is a right, not a privilege, and I continue to work to increase the availability and quality of care while bending the cost curve down.

### [The House-passed Build Back Better Act](#)

**Reduces prescription drug costs:** Allows Medicare to negotiate drug prices, imposes a tax penalty on drug companies increasing prices faster than inflation, and directly lowers out-of-pocket costs for seniors.

**Strengthens the Affordable Care Act** and reduces premiums for 9 million Americans

**Expands Medicare** to cover hearing benefits

**Rep. Schneider continues to lead in health care** by introducing important health related bills and hosting healthcare roundtables and town halls in 2021 to advance COVID-19 preparations and response, improve health care resiliency and strengthen health equity for all Americans. Many of Rep. Schneider's top health care agenda items (e.g., sequester moratorium, first dollar coverage of telehealth services for HSA-eligible HDHPs) have been converted and adopted into larger legislative vehicles and have become law.

Rep. Schneider is also the newest member of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Caucus. The Congressional SDOH Caucus was established to explore opportunities to improve the impact of services delivered to address social determinants that influence populations' health and outcomes.

**Introduced Bipartisan Legislation to Plan for COVID Resurgence.** Rep. Schneider's bipartisan COVID PREPARE (Preparedness, Response, and Effective Planning for Advanced Requirements by the Executive Branch) Act, H.R. 212 would require federal agencies to submit regular reports to Congress on their plan to respond to a resurgence of COVID-19 (e.g., vaccine deployment plans), anticipated challenges, and how agencies will consult with Congress. This legislation was initially introduced in the 116th Congress and passed the House in September 2020 with a unanimous voice vote. This legislation is particularly important as new variants of the virus are now prevalent across the country.

**Protecting Medicare Beneficiaries with Pre-Existing Conditions.** Rep. Schneider introduced the Protecting Medicare Beneficiaries with Pre-Existing Conditions Act (H.R. 599), legislation to extend pre-existing condition protections to cover Medicare beneficiaries. The legislation would ensure Medicare beneficiaries are never denied coverage or charged higher premiums based on their pre-existing conditions by extending the Affordable Care Act's guaranteed issue rights. Specifically, it would guarantee issue of a Medigap plan to Medicare beneficiaries under 65 (for example persons with disabilities) and allow Medicare Advantage enrollees switching to Medicare Traditional a one-time enrollment in a Medigap plan.

**Lowering Medicare Premiums and Prescription Drug Costs Act.** Rep. Schneider partnered with Rep. Jan Schakowsky to introduce legislation to help low-income seniors and people with disabilities better afford prescription drugs through Medicare Part D. H.R. 5099 would streamline several Medicare low-income programs to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries can access the program as well as expand the Part D Low-Income Subsidy (also known as the "Extra Help Program") to help more Americans qualify for help affording prescription drug premiums and out-of-pocket costs. The companion bill was introduced by Senator Robert Casey, Jr.

**Expanding Primary and Virtual Care.** Rep. Schneider introduced the Primary and Virtual Care Affordability Act, bipartisan legislation to improve the affordability of primary care and telehealth for individuals with high-deductible health insurance plans (HDHPs). In 2020, as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Congress authorized first dollar coverage of telehealth services for HSA-eligible HDHPs, which increased patient access to those services. This provision is set to expire on December 31, 2021. Rep. Schneider introduced H.R. 5541, The Primary and Virtual Care Affordability Act, to encourage Congress to extend this telehealth coverage through December 31, 2023, and also give HDHPs the flexibility to waive the deductible for primary care services.

**Problem Solving to Build Back Better.** Rep. Schneider helped pass the Build Back Better Act out of the House of Representatives. This legislation included the Congressman's **Impacts and Outcomes for Health Career Training Act, H.R. 5850**, which ensures evidence-based funding to study and evaluate the effects of health professions opportunity grant demonstration projects (or HPOGs). Additionally, BBBA included traces of Rep. Schneider's **Substance Use Disorder Workforce Act**, which increases the number of residency positions eligible for graduate medical education payments under Medicare for hospitals that have addiction or pain medicine programs.

**Helping Health Care Providers Weather the Pandemic.** Rep. Schneider introduced the **Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act (H.R. 315)**, bipartisan legislation to delay the "Medicare Sequester" and prevent cuts to hospital payments for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This is so providers can stay focused on fighting COVID-19 and not worry about unnecessary cuts. A version of Schneider's legislation to delay the Medicare Sequester was signed into law twice during 2021. He will continue to fight for this reassurance to our vital health care providers during this tumultuous time.

**Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act.** Rep. Schneider favorably voted for this legislation which partly accomplished his bipartisan Medicare Sequester

COVID Moratorium Act, which would delay the Medicare sequester through the duration of the public health emergency. The Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act was passed into law December 10, 2021 and will serve as a relief to the health care community as it extends Medicare sequester moratorium for six-months, continues the payment increase of 3% for a year under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and affords other temporary extensions such as a one-year delay of payment reductions for clinical lab services, a one-year delay to implement the Medicare radiation oncology model, and increases funding to the Medicare Improvement fund.

**Enhancing Lake County Mental Health Services.** Rep. Schneider secured \$997,361 in the House FY 22 Labor-HHS Appropriations Act through Community Project Funding. Funding for this project would help double the capacity of existing behavioral health services at the Lake County Health Department Libertyville Mental Health Center by expanding the physical space housing primary care, psychiatry, and counseling for individuals with mental illness. The space would provide substance use counseling, Medication Assisted Treatment for substance use disorders, and counseling and case management to children and youth.

#### **Schneider bill would extend preexisting condition protections**

Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) reintroduced legislation to extend pre-existing condition protections to cover Medicare beneficiaries.

"The strong protections preventing insurance companies from blocking coverage to individuals with pre-existing conditions were a major step forward in the Affordable Care Act, and are one of the most popular provisions in the law," said Schneider. "There's no reason our seniors shouldn't have those same important protections. I am proud to introduce this legislation to ensure Medicare beneficiaries are not denied coverage or charged higher premiums based on their pre-existing conditions." (Patch, 1/31/21)

#### **House votes to extend sequestration moratorium for hospice, other providers**

In Dec. 2020 Reps. **Brad Schneider** (D-IL) and David McKinley (R-WV) introduced the Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act.

"The uncertainty in COVID-19 cases across the country means continued stress on our frontline health providers," **Schneider** said in a statement. "Now is not the time to reinstitute across the board cuts to our providers. We must stand by our frontline workers, and I'm proud that this delay to the Medicare sequester will support them in their mission to care for America." (Hospice News, 3/22/21)

### Schneider law to prevent hospital payment cuts heads to president

Congressman **Brad Schneider** (IL-10)'s Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act was included in H.R. 1868 as it passed the House and headed to the President's desk for signature.

"In the middle of a once-in-a-century pandemic, Congress is taking the steps necessary to make sure that we have the backs of the doctors, nurses, administrators, and more on the frontlines of our hospitals fighting this terrible virus. By delaying Medicare sequestration and the consequent economic cuts to hospitals, Republicans and Democrats are working together to provide a little bit of stability amid the uncertainty of COVID-19 and keep critical health care jobs," said Congressman **Brad Schneider**.

**Schneider's** original bill, H.R. 315, the Medicare Sequester COVID Moratorium Act, would delay the Medicare sequester through the duration of the public health emergency, ensuring that providers can stay focused on treating and eradicating COVID-19 instead of worrying about their bottom line. (Patch, 4/19/21)



## Fighting Climate Change and Protecting the Environment



*Above: Congressman Schneider meets with members of the Waukegan Harbor Citizens' Advisory Group, celebrating a clean Waukegan Harbor after 45 years of hard work*

This past year, like the previous decade, has clearly demonstrated the immediate and ongoing threat of climate change to our communities and our national security. I cheered when President Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accord and I welcomed the United States return to a leadership role at COP26. Nevertheless, the rate of global warming is accelerating and we must therefore accelerate our actions accordingly. I continue to believe we need an all of government approach and will pursue opportunities to boost our efforts in every way possible.

### [The House-passed Build Back Better Act](#)

**Invests \$555 billion in fighting climate change**, the largest ever single investment in our clean energy future

**Creates well-paying clean energy jobs** and ensures clean energy technologies like wind turbines are made here in the United States

### Schneider climate bills essential pieces to draft Build Back Better Act

As The Committee on Ways and Means marks up the Build Back Better Act, the House's reconciliation bill, major components of Congressman Brad Schneider's Sustainable Skies Act and Greener Transportation for Communities Act were each used as essential elements to the bill's climate sections. As well, Schneider was an original cosponsor of the GREEN Act included in the bill.

'With this legislation as the guide, the Build Back Better Act will make unprecedented investments in America's fight against global climate change and in the competitiveness of America's workers and businesses. And it will enhance critical support for American families and, something I hope we can all celebrate, lift 3.6 million American children out of poverty,' said Congressman Brad Schneider. 'This is the greatest investment in tackling climate change in our nation's history. I am proud that two bills I have championed- The Sustainable Skies Act and the Greener Transportation for Communities Act - have been included in this legislation to fight climate change. The Sustainable Skies Act would invest in America's capacity to decarbonize aviation by providing a federal incentive for sustainable aviation fuel. Working toward eliminating aviation emissions, which represents two percent of the world's carbon emissions, is a monumental step in decarbonizing our economy.'

The legislation will also expand America's electric vehicle charging infrastructure through the promotion of private activity bonds, modeled on Schneider's Greener Transportation for Communities Act. (MarketScreener, 9/14/21)

### Schneider introduces bill to decarbonize aviation, fulfill climate commitments

Today, Congressman **Brad Schneider** (IL-10) introduced the Sustainable Skies Act, new legislation to fight carbon emissions and promote the transition to sustainable aviation fuel.

“Air travel has changed the world and will be a growing part of our future. It is imperative for America to confront the existential challenge of climate change by making air travel cleaner. The Sustainable Skies Act will halve carbon emissions while also enabling more travel and commerce, a win-win for Americans today and our future generations. Implementing sustainable aviation fuels is the single most important step the aviation industry can take to combat climate change, and I’m proud to take this legislation to the House with the support of both Illinois-based companies, like United and LanzaJet, and climate change champions, like the Environmental Defense Fund and the World Wildlife Fund,” said Congressman **Brad Schneider** (IL-10). (Aviation Pros, 5/20/21)

### Trump’s politicized EPA endangered the health of Lake County residents

“The Trump-appointed leadership at EPA actively stood in the way of meaningful action in Lake County when they should have been making sure that Americans were safe from this known carcinogen,” Lake County’s two Democratic members in Congress, 10th District Rep. **Brad Schneider** of Deerfield and 14th District Rep. Lauren Underwood of Naperville, said in a statement issued the other day. (Chicago Tribune, 4/22/21)

### [Lake County’s congressional reps ask EPA to tighten regulation of ethylene oxide emissions](#)

Reps. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, and Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville, are among eight members of Congress who sent a letter to new EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan on July 1 urging him to issue consistent regulations protecting against EtO.

Underwood, Casten and **Schneider** are part of a nine-member bipartisan Congressional Ethylene Oxide Task Force consisting of representatives from communities impacted by EtO emissions, such as those which come from a plant in Waukegan and another in Gurnee.

“We have been working on this for a while,” **Schneider**, who co-chairs the task force with Rep. Jody Hice, R-Ga., said in an interview Tuesday. “It is very important. EtO is a proven carcinogen and we have to take the opportunity to stop its emission every chance we have.” (Lake County News Sun, 7/15/21)

### [Ethylene oxide emissions down significantly at two Lake County companies, EPA data shows](#)

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, who founded a bipartisan ethylene oxide task force, said he appreciates the EPA's detailed response to Lake County's concerns and welcomes more "concerted engagement" after years of federal inaction. (Daily Herald, 9/30/21)

### [Onshore Wind American Manufacturing Act proposes manufacturing tax credits for wind energy](#)

A joint effort by United States Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-IL) and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet (D-CO) and Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) yielded the Onshore Wind American Manufacturing Act this week, which proposes tax credits to support domestic manufacturing of related wind energy components.

“In the race against a warming climate, the United States must accelerate our progress on all alternative energy pathways, in particular wind and solar,” **Schneider** said. “This transition to the green economy will build clean, good paying jobs here at home. It also requires that the

federal government fosters and supports the manufacturing supply chain central to this transition, which is why I'm proud to partner with Senator Bennet on this critical piece of legislation." (Daily Energy Insider, 10/6/21)

### United Airlines jet powered by sustainable fuel heads out from O'Hare

The jaunt to the nation's capital, which carried more than 100 passengers including United CEO Scott Kirby and U.S. Reps. Sean Casten and **Brad Schneider**, is the first use of jet fuel that is 100% sustainable on a commercial flight, officials said.

Deerfield Democrat **Schneider** noted that "2% of all greenhouse gas emissions come from aviation. SAF cuts that by at least 50% or higher. If we convert the entire fleet, which is the long-term goal, that eliminates 1% of greenhouse gas emissions in just one initiative." (Daily Herald, 12/1/21)

### Biden's 'Build Back Better' plan faces uphill battle in the Senate

"The Build Back Better Act is a major step forward. Build Back Better is the largest federal investment in climate change we've had as a country. There's so much in this bill that improves the quality of life for every single American." (WBEZ Radio, 11/22/19)

**Making aviation climate-sustainable:** Rep. Schneider introduced the *Sustainable Skies Act*, bipartisan legislation that would provide tax incentives for the use of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). This legislation was included in the House-passed Build Back Better Act and is supported by environmental groups as the only near-term mechanism for decarbonizing aviation emissions. Schneider also joined the first 100% SAF flight from Chicago to Washington, and is committed to helping support the nascent SAF industry grow to meet our climate goals.

**Expanding EV Charging Infrastructure:** Rep. Schneider introduced the *Green Transportation for Communities Act* that would provide tax incentives for entities utilizing Private Activity Bonds--like hospitals, municipalities, and airports--to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This legislation was included in the Build Back Better Act marked up by the Ways & Means Committee.

**Supporting green energy manufacturing:** Rep. Schneider helped introduce two bills that would expand domestic manufacturing capacity for solar and on-shore wind installations. He introduced the *Onshore Wind American Manufacturing Act*, which would provide tax incentives for the manufacturing of different wind energy components. He also helped introduce the *Solar Energy Manufacturing for America Act* which would provide similar tax incentives for components in the solar supply chain. Both bills were included in the House-passed Build Back

Better Act and would boost domestic green energy manufacturing. Schneider has also cosponsored legislation to allow green energy installations to utilize “direct pay” when claiming federal tax incentives, making it significantly easier to deploy these tax credits towards meeting our climate goals.

**Affirming U.S. Commitment to International Climate Cooperation:** Ahead of the COP26 international climate conference in Glasgow, Rep. Schneider introduced a resolution affirming U.S. commitment to international climate cooperation and supporting the strong need for U.S. leadership to combat climate change. More than 140 Members joined Schneider’s resolution.

**Connecting climate change and public health:** Rep. Schneider has been a leader on the need to address the connection between the climate crisis and its impact on public health. For the past several years, Schneider has led a letter to House appropriators in support of increased funding for the CDC’s Climate Health program and successfully secured an increase in the program’s funding from \$10 million to more than \$100 million in House-passed funding legislation. Schneider also helped introduce the Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act that would require the federal government to address the many public health issues associated with climate change.

**Expanding energy efficiency:** Rep. Schneider has led several different tax proposals that would boost incentives for energy efficiency:

- **Freight RAILCAR Act:** This legislation would provide tax incentives for rail companies to cycle outdated, inefficient railcars to put newer, safer, and more efficient cars into service.
- **E-QUIP Act:** This legislation would provide federal tax incentives towards the installation of energy efficiency improvements by allowing for a straight line depreciation over a 10-year period for qualified expenses.
- **Waste Heat to Power:** Last Congress, the president signed into law Schneider’s legislation to provide tax incentives for industrial energy efficiency installations that use “waste heat to power” technology. This Congress, the House-passed Build Back Better Act included provisions that would expand Schneider’s successful tax policy.

**Supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative:** Rep. Schneider is a strong supporter of the GLRI, which serves as a vital federal resource towards protecting and restoring our treasured Great Lakes. Schneider has regularly advocated for increased funding for the program during the appropriations cycle, and has pushed the Administration to expand the program in the President’s



budget. Schneider is also a Member of the Great Lakes Task Force that regularly advocates on behalf of the integrity and wellbeing of the Great Lakes.

**Holding NRG Accountable for Waukegan Coal Plant Closure:** Rep. Schneider has led the effort on behalf of his Waukegan-area constituents to hold NRG accountable for the safe closure and remediation of the Waukegan coal plant. Schneider led a letter to NRG with all state and federal legislators representing Waukegan outlining the community's expectations for NRG's clean-up efforts, convened a meeting with the U.S. EPA and local elected officials on NRG's requirements under federal and state law, and will continue to exercise oversight over NRG's closure of the plant.

**Combating Ethylene Oxide Emissions:** Rep. Schneider has been a national leader on the effort to protect public health by strictly regulating the use of ethylene oxide (EtO). Two communities in the Tenth District historically faced high EtO emissions, and Schneider has been fighting at the federal level to regulate EtO, conduct outreach to impacted communities, and coordinate ambient air monitoring:

- **Founded EtO Task Force:** Schneider founded this bipartisan Task Force with Members from Illinois, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Louisiana from communities impacted by EtO emissions. The Task Force serves as a resource to those Members and as a way to coordinate outreach to the Administration on EtO issues.
- **Introduced legislation to regulate:** Schneider has introduced bipartisan legislation to more strictly regulate EtO, including requirements the EPA conduct a "residual risk review" that puts public health at the forefront of its rulemaking.
- **Secured funds for air monitoring:** Schneider secured funding for ambient air monitoring in EtO-affected communities in the House-passed legislation that funds the EPA. The Senate now needs to pass this funding for it to become available.
- **Led Meeting with EPA Administrator:** Schneider led a meeting between the EPA Administrator Michael Regan and the bipartisan EtO Task Force to discuss the EPA's work to engage EtO-impacted communities and its regulatory outlook, while pushing the EPA to conduct a residual risk review and expand ambient air monitoring.

**Curbing plastics pollution:** Rep. Schneider has cosponsored legislation, the *Break Free from Plastics Pollution Act*, that would dramatically increase federal efforts and resources to reduce the scourge of plastics pollution that impacts the Great Lakes, the oceans, and watersheds around the country.

## Supporting Our Children and their Education



*Above: Congressman Schneider with a family at a Congress on Your Corner Town Hall*

As a father of two now-grown boys, I know the importance of giving every child the best foundation to learn the lessons and skills they need to reach their potential. My goal is to ensure that our children and grandchildren have a bright future worthy of the sacrifices our parents and grandparents made for us.

### [The House-passed Build Back Better Act](#)

**Enacts Universal Pre-k:** Universal and free preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds

**Saves Americans more than half of their spending on child care:** The bill would ensure middle-class families would pay no more than 7 percent of their income on child care

**Extends the American Rescue Plan's expanded Child Tax Credit**, cutting taxes for working families and lifting millions of kids out of poverty

### Suburban lawmakers praise House's passage of the Build Back Better Act

"The Build Back Better Act will make bold transformative investments in the lives of everyday Americans. The bill will unquestionably enhance the future for our children, but also improve the here and now for their parents and grandparents: creating opportunities like universal pre-K, taking on national challenges by lowering the cost of prescription drugs, and giving working families a tax cut -- all without adding to the deficit," said Deerfield Democrat Brad Schneider, 10th District. (Daily Herald, 11/19/21)

### Schneider hosts conversation with 10<sup>th</sup> District mothers

As the second round of monthly Child Tax Credit payments arrive to American families, Congressman **Brad Schneider** (IL-10) recently hosted a conversation with Round Lake mothers Merced Alfaro, Sandra Camarena, and Guadalupe Patino to discuss how the newly-expanded Child Tax Credit will benefit 10th District families like theirs.

**Schneider** was also joined by Maria Colunga of the Lake County Bilingual Family Engagement Coalition. Video from the event can be accessed at [twitter.com/RepSchneider/status/1427253813144997892](https://twitter.com/RepSchneider/status/1427253813144997892).

"There is no greater investment we can make to secure our future than investing in our children, guaranteeing that they can pursue the skills they need to succeed. The American Rescue Plan delivered a middle-class tax cut for working families with the Child Tax Credit," **Schneider** said.

"With kids going back to school soon, the CTC will help families cover expenses like food, clothing, school supplies and technology. This critical support will lift millions of children out of poverty nationwide and will provide a safety net that is long overdue.

"I was grateful to speak with Merced, Sandra and Guadalupe today to hear how the Child Tax Credit will help them care for their children," **Schneider** said. (Daily Herald, 8/17/21)

**Congressman Schneider** supported efforts by congressional democrats to institute universal Pre-K, make the largest federal investment in K-12 education in history, and offer relief funding to educational institutions to manage the COVID-19 crisis.

**Congressman Schneider** is also an advocate for student loan forgiveness, coming out in support of President Biden's recommendation that \$10,000 in student loans be forgiven for each American and beginning a targeted approach to student loan forgiveness for those who need it most.

## Beating Back COVID-19



*Above: Congressman Schneider with Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra in North Chicago*

As we enter what will be our third year fighting the pandemic, I am proud of the steps taken to lift up our workers, families and communities—dating back to the CARES Act in March of 2020. Though we may want to be done with COVID, this infernal virus is not yet done with us. We can't afford to let down our guard. Instead we have to unite as one nation, one world to get back to a better kind of "new normal."

### [The American Rescue Plan](#)

**Provided \$1400 stimulus checks** to families struggling to make ends meet

**Opened schools safely** by funding school programs and improving vaccine distribution and supply chain issues

**Expanded rental and small business relief**, including assistance for restaurants and local entertainment venues such as the Korean Cultural Center, Ravinia Festival, and the Writers Theatre

**Provided IL-10 local governments with \$131 million in direct funding to improve public health,** support teachers, nurses, and first responders, and invest in water, sewer, and high-speed internet infrastructure

**Expanded the Child Tax Credit,** with 90% of young Illinois families receiving \$300/month per child for children younger than six of \$250/month for children between six and seventeen.

**Schneider Prioritizes Health Equity and Pediatric Vaccines.** Rep. Brad Schneider and Secretary of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra, hosted a vaccine confidence and pediatric vaccination roundtable at Jack Benny Middle School in Waukegan, IL with community leaders and public health officials. Congress passed and the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act, which included \$350 billion for State and Local Governments. This roundtable highlighted Waukegan's efforts to beat back the pandemic and the work of the Illinois Pandemic Health Navigator Program at the Illinois Department of Public Health, which received \$60 million in federal relief to provide resources to those residents in need through community-based organizations (CBOs), local health departments, and FQHCs.

#### **Lake County prepared to administer COVID-19 shots as fast as vaccine arrives; Fairgrounds site now open 6 days per week**

U.S. Rep **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, plans to visit the fairgrounds site with Pfister on Sunday. **Schneider** said the addition of more federal funds, which are part of President Joe Biden's proposed \$1.9 trillion relief package, will help the effort.

"The in-car vaccinations are quick and easy," **Schneider** said in an email. "I expect it will only get easier to receive a shot in the weeks ahead as new Congressional funding makes its way to local sites like Grayslake." (Lake County News Sun, 3/7/21)

#### **11 Illinois Democratic US House members sign letter ripping FEMA's decision to limit United Center vaccine slots: 'Pockets of vulnerability exist all across our state'**

A group of Illinois' Democratic U.S. House members sent a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Friday condemning this week's rollout of the highly trumpeted United Center mass vaccination site, arguing the decision to restrict appointments to Chicago and Cook County residents on behalf of equity goals has angered some of their most vulnerable constituents.

The letter to acting FEMA Administrator Robert Fenton was signed by 11 of Illinois' 13 Democratic House members, who represent at least parts of the suburbs and collar counties, and initiated by U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, a Deerfield Democrat. (Chicago Tribune, 3/15/21)



### Lake County towns receive American Rescue Plan funds

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, on Sept. 30 announced 10th District municipalities received \$131 million in COVID-19 relief funds as part of the American Rescue Plan Act that Congress passed in March.

“Our local cities, villages and townships have been on the frontlines battling the COVID-19 pandemic,” **Schneider** said in a news release. “The historic \$131 million from the American Rescue Plan for the 10th District will help our communities successfully navigate through the rest of this pandemic. With this funding, local municipalities will improve public health, create more jobs to build back the economy and repair crumbling local infrastructure, including water and sewer systems.” (Lake County Journal, 10/7/21)

### Lake County Partners receives \$110,048 federal grant for post-pandemic plan

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** announced a \$110,048 grant Wednesday for Lake County Partners, a nonprofit organization that leads economic development in Lake County.

"I'm thrilled that CARES Act funding is making this investment in our area and in our long-term economic health," **Schneider**, a Democrat from Deerfield, said in the announcement. "I commend Lake County Partners for its strategic efforts to improve our future economic resiliency, and I will continue doing everything I can to invest in our local economy and get people back to work." (Daily Herald, 2/3/21)

### Lake County governments figuring out how best to utilize \$161 million in American Rescue Plan funds

Hart also said she appreciated the advocacy the county and its municipalities received in Washington, D.C. from Reps. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, and Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville.

**Schneider** said in a news release the money for state, county and local governments is intended to help those who have worked directly with people most impacted by the pandemic so their efforts can be adequately funded.

“Our county, city and village governments have been on the front lines of battling the COVID-19 pandemic and today’s funding through the American Rescue Plan preserves the employees and services we are counting on to dig is out of the rest of this crisis,” **Schneider** said in the release.



North Chicago Mayor Leon Rockingham said he was pleased money is going directly to municipalities this time. He said he and other mayors reached out to **Schneider** seeking direct assistance. He is grateful for the response.

He also said he was grateful to **Schneider** for his efforts. Schneider said he heard from multiple local officials about their needs.

“When mayors reach out to me, telling me that their cities are hurting, I listen,” **Schneider** said in an email. “That’s why I fought for this funding to be included in the American Rescue Plan.” (Lake County News Sun, 5/11/21)

### [Lake County restaurants looking to federal grant program to help them get back on their feet](#)

The program authorizes \$28.6 billion for restaurants, bars and a variety of other food service related entities, of which \$9.5 billion is reserved for smaller businesses, according to a news release from the office of U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield.

**Schneider** said in his release the grant need not be repaid if all the funds are used for eligible uses before March 11, 2023. Restaurants were included because they were especially hard hit during the pandemic. (Lake County News Sun, 5/16/21)

### [HHS Secretary stresses importance of childhood vaccinations, fighting falsehoods during Waukegan roundtable: ‘Misinformation is the second virus’](#)

Becerra and Rocha were among 13 people speaking about the necessity of vaccinations to stop the spread of the coronavirus pandemic during a roundtable discussion hosted by U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, Tuesday at Jack Benny Middle School in Waukegan.

**Schneider** said after the event he agreed with Rocha’s assessment. Those spreading misinformation are adding to the public health crisis by increasing the numbers of people eligible for the shots who choose not to get them.

“There are people who are saying things which are totally false, and it is keeping people from getting vaccinated. Getting vaccinated is better for everyone,” **Schneider said**. (Lake County News Sun, 11/9/21)

### [Realizan mesa pediátrica de salud](#)

Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra and U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** (IL-10) today hosted a pediatric vaccination roundtable at Jack Benny Middle School in Waukegan.

Parents and health officials shared their work to get Illinois vaccinated and back to work, focusing on their efforts to equitably distribute vaccinations in historically underserved communities. Two students, Nehemiah Ewing and Cyrus Malachi McGinnis, received their vaccinations at the end of the event.

“Every community deserves full access to the pediatric vaccine so that the lives of our children, and therefore our parents, can move closer to normal. These efforts are what have helped make Lake County the third-highest vaccinated county in Illinois. I was proud to have HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra in the Tenth District today to discuss how we can bring Lake County’s equity-driven approach to community health nationwide,” **Schneider** said. (Puro Futbol, 11/15/21)

## Strengthening Our Democracy

I am an original cosponsor of the **John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2021**, which seeks to restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Specifically, the bill would take into account the *Shelby County v. Holder* decision of 2013 by establishing an updated formula for determining which states and localities must obtain federal preclearance before making changes to their voting laws. It also establishes a targeted process for reviewing voting changes based on measures that have historically been used to discriminate against voters.

It is vitally important that we pass voting rights legislation as soon as possible in the coming year and assure all our citizens can make their voices heard.

### Schneider introduces bills to ‘restore integrity in government’

Today, Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10) introduced a series of bills to promote good government by increasing government transparency, requiring an ethics pledge for senior Executive Branch appointees, curbing corrupt lobbying practices, and other measures to ensure integrity within government.

"Serving in Congress is a great honor, and the American people expect their representatives and their government to be held to a higher standard," said Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10). "These common-sense reforms will help our democracy function more effectively. By increasing transparency surrounding political donations and Members' finances, preventing former Members of Congress from abusing their Congressional privileges, and creating more of a firewall between lobbying organizations and the federal government, we will raise the ethical standards for our government and more effectively serve the American people." (Patch, 2/11/21)

### A Democratic litmus test: No cooperation with anti-election Republicans

Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-Ill.) told NBC News he has a basic requirement before he can work with a Republican: "At the fundamental level, I need an affirmative statement that Joe Biden is the legitimate president of the United States and the 2020 election was an honest and fair election."

To that end, the Illinois Democrat has told Reps. Jody Hice (R-Ga.) and Paul Gosar (R-Ariz.) that he's no longer willing to work with them on projects they cooperated on in the past.

"It's hard to envision going into an administration with a partner who doesn't acknowledge the legitimacy of that administration or is showing a commitment to the truth," **Schneider** added. (MSNBC, 3/14/21)

**Expanding Voting Rights and Holding Elected Officials Accountable.** Rep. Schneider was an original cosponsor of the **For the People Act** (H.R. 1), a sweeping government reform package that restricts the influence of dark money in campaigns, fixes partisan gerrymandering, expands voting rights protections and strengthens ethics rules. The bill also included an amendment authored by the Congressman to increase campaign finance transparency by requiring Super PACS to disclose donations made right before an election that currently would not have to be reported until after the election. H.R. 1 also includes Schneider's **Ethics in Public Service Act**, which would help close the revolving door between corporate lobbyists and the agencies that oversee their industries. The bill passed the House in March 2021.

**Introduced Bills to Restore Integrity in Government, Root Out Corruption, and Strengthen Democracy.** Schneider has introduced a number of good governance legislation including the **Prohibiting Perks and Privileges Act (H.R. 1048)**, which would prevent former Members of Congress who become lobbyists from abusing their congressional privileges, **The Ethics in Public Service Act (H.R. 1077)**, which would help close the revolving door between corporate lobbyists and the agencies that oversee their industries, and **the Real Time Transparency Act (H.R. 1076)**, which would require real-time disclosure within 48 hours of donations to candidates and committees that total \$1,000 or more. Rep. Schneider is also an original cosponsor of the **DISCLOSE ACT (H.R. 1334)**, which requires organizations spending money in federal elections to disclose their donors.

## Standing Up Against Hate

Over the past year, and in fact spanning several years, we have seen increasing levels of bigotry and hate in our nation and around the world. I am both old enough to remember, and have studied enough history before my time to know that allowing hate to take hold in any form in any place is a threat to all of us. That is why I have supported bills that seek to reduce hate and violence in our nation.

Earlier this year I had the great honor to speak with the remarkable Fritzie Fritzshall shortly before she passed away in June. Fritzie was a Holocaust survivor and dedicated her life to being a witness of the horrors of the Nazis. She was the president of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center up until her death at 91. Over the course of our nearly 1 hour zoom conversation, Fritzie talked about the threat of antisemitism and the importance of being an “UpStander” against all forms of hate.



**The COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act:** I was also proud to help pass this legislation to address the surge in hate crimes targeting the AAPI community since the start of the pandemic, signed into law by President Biden on May 20th

**Bipartisan Bill to Elevate Anti-Semitism Special Envoy Signed into Law.** The House of Representatives voted 411-1 to advance bipartisan legislation to elevate the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism at the U.S. State Department to the rank of Ambassador. This legislation was signed into law in January 2021. Schneider and Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ) introduced H.R. 221 in the 116th Congress, the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Act.

**Working to End Domestic Extremism.** H.R. 350, the bipartisan Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021, would enhance the federal government’s efforts to prevent, report on, respond to, and investigate acts of domestic terrorism by authorizing offices dedicated to combating this threat; requiring these offices to regularly assess this threat; and providing training and resources to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement in addressing it. The co-leads of this bipartisan bill are Judiciary Chairman Nadler, and Reps. Fitzpatrick, Kelly (IL),

Bacon, Gonzalez (TX), Upton, and Correa and it has more than 200 bipartisan cosponsors. This bill previously passed the House in September 2020.

**Securing funding for public safety projects:** As part of the Community Project Funding, Schneider secured House-passage of funding to assist the construction of a new Lake County Emergency Operations Center that would consolidate the 911 services and public safety resources across the county.

### [House Democrat drafting resolution to censure Greene over Holocaust comments](#)

Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-Ill.) said Tuesday that he is drafting a resolution to censure Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) for comparing COVID-19 vaccinations and mask-wearing rules to the Holocaust.

"Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene continues to debase not only the memory of 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis, but all those who fought and died defending Democracy against Hitler and his evil," **Schneider** said in a statement.

**Schneider** called on Republicans to join his censure effort, although only 11 voted with Democrats in February to remove Greene from her House committee assignments.

"It is shameful that the Republican Conference continues to let her define their party, and dangerous that they refuse to expel her. There should be no room for such unapologetic hate and antisemitism in our politics or our government. Therefore, I am drafting a resolution to censure Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. I hope that if [House Minority Leader] McCarthy truly believes that what Rep. Greene said was 'appalling,' he will join our effort to censure her," **Schneider** said. (The Hill, 5/25/21)

### [‘Offensive’: House lawmakers rebuke fellow Democrat Ilhan Omar for equating US, Israel with Hamas, Taliban](#)

"Equating the United States and Israel to Hamas and the Taliban is as offensive as it is misguided," Illinois Rep. **Brad Schneider** and 11 other Democrats wrote in a joint statement issued late Wednesday. "Ignoring the differences between democracies governed by the rule of law and contemptible organizations that engage in terrorism at best discredits one's intended argument and at worst reflects deep-seated prejudice." (USA Today, 6/9/21)

### [Lake County leaders call attention to violence against Asian Americans at Highland Park vigil](#)

U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider also addressed the audience, saying that hate is taught.

“The fact that we’re coming here together, we’re going to shine a light on what’s happening in our country,” Schneider said. “But I think for all the troubles we see, for all the anti-Asian sentiment we’re seeing, the white supremacists, we need to take it seriously.”

Schneider added, “What is stronger, far stronger in this country is the sentiment that we are a nation of people from all over the world, from every corner, from every walk of life.” (Chicago Tribune, 4/8/21)

### [U.S. officials considering law to address domestic terrorism](#)

Support has been growing in Congress in the wake of the Jan. 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol for the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021, introduced by Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-Ill.). The number of cosponsors is up to 201, nearly half of the lower chamber, including three Republicans.

“America must be vigilant to combat those radicalized to violence, and the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act gives our government the tools to identify, monitor and thwart their illegal activities. Combatting the threat of domestic terrorism and white supremacy is not a Democratic or Republican issue, not left versus right or urban versus rural. Domestic Terrorism is an American issue, a serious threat that we can and must address together,” **Schneider** said in a statement introducing the bill. (Epoch Times, 5/1/21)

### [Local Juneteenth events get boost from national holiday designation: ‘It’s about time’](#)

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, who voted for the measure along with Reps. Lauren Underwood, D-Naperville, and Sean Casten, D-Downers Grove, agreed with Ewing’s assessment about the stain of slavery on the nation. The three represent parts of Lake County.

“Juneteenth marks the end of chattel slavery in the United States,” **Schneider** said. “It is the end of our darkest sin and beginning of a new era, a landmark in our nation’s history. I’m incredibly proud of the bipartisan vote to make Juneteenth a federal holiday.” (Lake County News Sun, 6/21/21)

### [Bipartisan bill introduced to extend Fair Housing Act Protections to LGBTQ people](#)



Representatives **Brad Schneider** (D-IL) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced on June 30 the “Fair and Equal Housing Act of 2021” (H.R.4286) to extend protections against housing discrimination to LGBTQ people. If enacted, the bill would include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected characteristics under the Fair Housing Act. Currently, the Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, familial status, or disability.

“No American should face discrimination finding a home because of who they are or who they love,” said Representative **Schneider** in a press release. “Yet the majority of states still have no laws prohibiting housing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. I am proud to lead this long overdue bipartisan bill to extend federal protections to ensure all LGBTQ individuals and same-sex couples can access housing without prejudice. I am also pleased that these important housing protections were incorporated into the Equality Act, and I look forward to voting on this anti-discrimination package soon.” (National Low Income Housing Coalition, 7/6/21)

## Foreign Affairs



*Above: Congressman Schneider with Israeli Foreign Minister Yair Lapid*

I am proud to again be on the House Foreign Affairs Committee for a third term. I know that our interests are better served and our security is better protected when the United States is not just engaged on the world stage, but we are stepping up to lead. Whether strengthening our relations with our allies, or dealing with the threats posed by countries like China, Russia or Iran, or other non-state actors, U.S. foreign policy matters.

### [Bipartisan legislation to support Arab-Israeli normalization introduced in House](#)

The bill, sponsored by Reps. Brad Schneider (D-IL), Ann Wagner (R-MO), Sylvia Garcia (D-TX), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Greg Meeks (D-NY) and Michael McCaul (R-TX) is a companion to a bipartisan Senate bill introduced in late March.

In a statement regarding the legislation, Schneider expressed hope that the recent normalization agreements could help pave a path toward a two-state solution for Israelis and Palestinians.

“It is my hope now, as it was when these accords were first announced, that these accords will open the door to a new era of peace, building momentum to future normalization agreements and ultimately forging a path to an agreement between Israel and the Palestinians ensuring a secure, Jewish and democratic Israel living side-by-side with a Palestinian state with peace, security, and prosperity for both peoples,” Schneider said. (Jewish Insider, 4/22/21)

### [Lawmakers praise new Israeli government’s support for bipartisanship after Middle East trip](#)

“One of the things I take great encouragement from was the commitment of everyone we spoke to within the government, to ensuring that support for the U.S.-Israel relationship within Congress remains a bipartisan issue,” Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-IL) told JI.

**Schneider** added that “from other conversations that I’ve heard and had, my sense is that there has been some movement.”

A number of the lawmakers indicated that they did not find the PA meeting to be productive.

**Schneider** said that he “heard the same thing we always hear from them,” and Manning emphasized she “didn’t hear much movement from [Abbas]... or from any of his leadership team” on the PA’s demands for a two-state solution along 1967 borders.

Meeks, Deutch, Manning, **Schneider**, Spanberger, Barr, Hill and Malliotakis were joined on the trip by Reps. Sara Jacobs (D-CA) and David Cicilline (D-RI), who did not respond to interview requests. (Jewish Insider, 7/14/21)

### [U.S. Rep Schneider calls bipartisan delegation’s Middle East visit a success](#)

After Congress suspended foreign trips for its members in March of last year because of the coronavirus pandemic, U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, was among the 10 members of the House of Representatives who made the first visit overseas.

**Schneider** and nine other members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee made an official trip to the Middle East from July 5-11, visiting Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Qatar to strengthen American relationships and learn more about the region.

With seven Democrats and three Republicans headed by committee Chair Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., **Schneider** said Tuesday after his return one thing the group wanted to do was reassure the new Israeli government, which took office June 13, of bipartisan support from the United States.

After Meeks decided the trip would be a good idea for all concerned and other committee members like Schneider expressed an interest, **Schneider** said Meeks got the visit approved by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Over the past 12 years, government officials in both countries made attempts to put a partisan tinge on the relationship between the nations, but **Schneider** said the bond remains strong though some have tried to make it a wedge issue.

“It was a bipartisan group. Support for Israel has always been bipartisan,” **Schneider** said. “It’s an issue based on shared values, shared vision and in many cases shared enemies,” he added during a virtual update with constituents Wednesday.

One person who felt reassured by the bipartisan delegation and shared values was Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett. **Schneider** said Bennett, Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and Defense Minister Benny Gantz expressed a desire to keep the relationship strong and expressed appreciation to their American visitors.

With a governing coalition of eight parties representing extremes of the country’s politics, **Schneider** and Hill said getting to know them and a sense of how they were working together was an important part of the trip. There is a close military relationship between the nations.

“It has everything from Yamina on the right to Meretz on the left, and everything in between, including an Arab party for the first time,” **Schneider** said of the group which replaced former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after 12 years. “It was all very constructive.”

Both **Schneider** and Hill said they support an eventual settlement between Israelis and Palestinians creating a two-state solution giving both peoples their own country. A resolution Schneider sponsored calling for a two-state solution two years ago received 398 votes.

**Schneider** said he has hopes a two-state solution will eventually emerge, but believes it will take time. On July 6, the group attended a Fourth of July celebration at the American Embassy in Jerusalem and the next day went to a similar gathering at an Arab church in east Jerusalem. A like hope was expressed in both places.

### [Schneider talks Afghanistan during town hall in Wheeling](#)

Congressman Brad **Schneider** (IL-10) discussed infrastructure investment and the recent developments in Afghanistan with constituents at his "Congress On Your Corner" Thursday in Wheeling.

"I was grateful to hear from constituents in Wheeling on Thursday about infrastructure and the ongoing evacuations in Afghanistan," **Schneider** said in a news release. "The scenes from Afghanistan are truly heart-wrenching. So many people who have helped America's mission in Afghanistan, who have worked side by side with our troops, our diplomats, our NGOs, are now at grave risk."

**Schneider** recently joined a group of bipartisan colleagues asking the Biden Administration for more information on what Congress can do to assist with the evacuation efforts in Afghanistan, according to the news release.

"We must help those who help us. I am proud that my office has already successfully assisted several people make their way to the Kabul airport and then safely out of the country," **Schneider** said. "I will continue to monitor the situation in Afghanistan and continue fighting to deliver the federal infrastructure investment that communities like Wheeling deserve." (Patch, 8/22/21)

### [Bipartisan lawmakers introduce bill to upgrade Israeli-US military cooperation](#)

House Representatives Joe Wilson (R-South Carolina), **Brad Schneider** (D-Illinois) and Stephanie Murphy (D-Florida) spearheaded the bill, which was submitted as an amendment for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2022 National Defense Authorization Act.

"Developed in collaboration with Israel, this group would address methods and practices to best share intelligence-informed, military capability requirements, and provide a stand-alone forum designed to further strengthen our efforts to meet and overcome current and future threats," the group said in a statement.

"The US-Israel alliance is crucial for both of our countries. It is long-standing and we face common threats that are evolving and changing," **Schneider** told The Jerusalem Post.

"We need to make sure that we're always one step ahead of those who seek to do us harm."

He said creating additional capabilities is something that would benefit both the US and Israel.

"Creating a formal structure like this is something that will bring hopefully greater opportunities to cooperate and coordinate."

### [House Foreign Affairs Committee advances Israeli-Arab normalization bill](#)

H.B. 2748, introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-Ill.) on April 30, requires the U.S. State Department to take certain actions to promote further normalization of relations between Israel, Arab states, and other relevant countries and regions.

The bill was authored by **Schneider**, along with Reps. Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas), Peter Meijer (R-Mich.), Greg Meeks (D-N.Y.) and Mike McCaul (R-Texas).

**Schneider** also thanked his colleagues for helping advance the bill out of committee.

“It is my hope that my bill will lift the chances of peace in the Middle East and provide a better future for all,” he tweeted.

### **Deborah Lipstadt to be named State Dept antisemitism envoy**

Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-MI), who helped lead the push last year to upgrade the antisemitism envoy position to ambassador level, said he first met Lipstadt on a trip to Poland and Israel in 1990.

“For decades, she has served as both academic and activist, inspiring policymakers to confront the harsh realities of antisemitism in our world and fight for justice. I can’t imagine a better, more qualified person to lead the United States’ efforts to combat antisemitism,” **Schneider** said. “Amid recent rising antisemitism both in the United States and around the globe, Deborah Lipstadt will lead with a vigorous moral clarity. I wish her the best in her service.” (Jewish Insider, 7/29/21)

**Led Bill to Expand Normalization with Israel.** The House Foreign Affairs Committee marked up Rep. Schneider’s bipartisan legislation to expand peace and normalization agreements with Israel. H.R. 2748, the Israel Relations Normalization Act, builds on the success of the Abraham Accords, which included peace and normalization agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco, by requiring coordination throughout the Administration to strengthen and expand these historic agreements. The legislation has more than 300 bipartisan cosponsors.

**Introduced Legislation Urging EU to Designate Hezbollah a Terrorist Organization.** Rep. Schneider helped introduced bipartisan legislation urging the European Union to designate the entirety of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization.

**US-Israel Operations - Technology Working Group Established.** The Department of Defense created the U.S.-Israel Operations Technology Working Group, based on bipartisan legislation and an amendment by Rep. Schneider and Rep. Joe Wilson that was included in the House FY 22 National Defense Authorization Act. This important working group will address methods and practices to best share intelligence-informed, military capability requirements, and provide a stand-alone forum designed to further strengthen our efforts to meet and overcome current and future threats.



## Working for Veterans



*Above: Congressman Schneider greets families at a Veterans Day parade*

Every person who chooses to volunteer to wear the uniform of our nation and lay their life on the line to defend us and all that we hold dear deserves to know that we will support them when they leave service. I have and will continue to work to ensure that all of our veterans have the support they need and have earned.

**Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act (H.R. 3469) passed the House:** Rep. Schneider authored bipartisan legislation, along with Rep. Roger Williams, to codify into law the successful Boots to Business program, which offers returning service members entrepreneurship courses to prepare them to start their own businesses. The legislation passed the House in November 2021 and now awaits consideration by the Senate.



**National Veterans Small Business Week Resolution:** Rep. Schneider co-led a resolution with Rep. Crow and Rep. Hagedorn recognizing national veterans small business week, November 1-5, 2021. Rep. Schneider has led this resolution for four years in a row.

### [Female veterans gather in Highland Park after Honor Flight: 'Women bond in the military like sisters'](#)

On Oct. 23, U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** met with a handful of the veterans from his 10th District in Highland Park to congratulate them on the flight and give them copies of a tribute he recently read into the Congressional Record.

"People didn't fully appreciate or fully credit what the servicewomen did in times of war or in times of peace," **Schneider** said. "That's starting to change. That's why Operation HerStory is so important." (Pioneer Press, 10/26/21)

### [Rep. Schneider announces 'Holiday Cards for Heroes' program](#)

U.S. Representative **Brad Schneider** (IL-10), launched the "Holiday Cards for Heroes" program for the 2021 holiday season. He also announced the opening of his annual competition to design his office's holiday card.

For the "Holiday Cards for Heroes" program, Tenth District constituents are invited to drop off holiday cards for military servicemembers at Congressman **Schneider's** District Office in Lincolnshire through Tuesday, December 14. Please do not put the cards in sealed envelopes.

Last year, **Schneider's** office collected and distributed more than 350 cards with help from the United Service Organizations (USO).

"The holidays are a special time for families and friends to gather together, but many of our brave men and women in our armed forces must spend this season far from family and home," said **Schneider**. "A personal, handwritten card is a much-appreciated way to say thank you to the Americans serving our country, offer words of encouragement, and share holiday cheer. I'm glad our office can help facilitate this program to connect constituents and our service members."

Although the district office remains closed for walk-in service because of the pandemic, a drop box will be set up outside Congressman **Schneider's** District Office at 111 Barclay Blvd., Suite 200, Lincolnshire, IL.

For the Sixth Annual Holiday Card Design Competition, elementary school students in the Tenth District are invited to submit artwork to be featured on the cover of Congressman Schneider's

office Holiday Card. This year's theme is "Time Together," a nod to the many outdoor activities friends and family can engage with safely during the coronavirus pandemic. (Patch, 11/7/21)

### Schneider collecting Valentine's Day cards for local veterans

U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider has announced the launch of the Tenth District "Valentines for Vets" program to collect and distribute Valentine's Day cards to local veterans."

"Every one of us has struggled with the reality of not seeing loved ones due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and veterans are no exception," Schneider said in an announcement of the program. "I always want to make sure we take the time to recognize and appreciate the sacrifices that our brave veterans have made for this country, but even more so during this time of isolation and loneliness. A card or handwritten Valentine's Day note is a small gesture that will make a big difference in making veterans feel loved and appreciated." (Daily Herald, 2/1/21)

### Waukegan marks Veterans Day with return of parade, ceremony: 'It feels good to be able to march and honor the veterans'

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** said the event at the airport was his fifth stop of the day after Fort Sheridan in Highland Park, a senior center in Libertyville, a restaurant in Gurnee and a location in Buffalo Grove.

"We went to five different communities and the common theme was not just the appreciation of the veterans but the regard to which they are held," **Schneider** said after the events. "They are people who answered the call of the nation serving with honor and protecting the freedoms we all hold dear." (Lake County News Sun, 11/11/12)

## Building an Immigration System that Represents Our Values



*Above: Congressman Schneider visits with a family after a naturalization ceremony making them officially U.S. citizens*

We are a nation of immigrants and the greatness of our country has been immeasurably enhanced by the spirit and traditions immigrants have brought with them. One of my favorite tidbits about immigrants is that more than 4 in 10 of our largest U.S. companies was founded by immigrants or their children.

It's been more than two generations since we have reformed our immigration system and it is literally holding back our economy and hurting our growth as a nation. I will look for any pathway to bring positive immigration legislation to President Biden's desk.

[Schneider helps introduce act to overhaul U.S. immigration system](#)

"Immigrants are the fabric of our communities. They are our friends, neighbors, co-workers and more," said Rep. **Brad Schneider** (IL-10). "I am proud to join my colleagues in supporting President Biden's historic U.S. Citizenship Act to overhaul our broken immigration system. Our nation has always been a nation of immigrants, and we will no longer turn our backs on who we are or what makes us American. Today we open a new chapter of humanity and dignity for those who come to our country seeking a better life." (Patch, 2/23/21)

## Presenta Schneider Ley de Ciudadanía

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### Presenta Schneider Ley de Ciudadanía

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**Washington.** El congresista Brad Schneider anunció que es uno de los copatrocinadores originales de la Ley de Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos de 2021, el marco legal, inclusivo y humano del presidente Biden para el futuro del sistema de inmigración de los Estados Unidos. La legislación fue presentada por la diputada Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38).

La legislación proporcionaría a millones de inmigrantes indocumentados trabajadores un camino hacia la ciudadanía ganada, incluidos los Dreamers, los beneficiarios del Estatuto de Protección Temporal (TPS) y los trabajadores esenciales que han hecho enormes sacrificios durante la pandemia, priorizar la reunificación familiar y mantener unida a las familias e impulsar el crecimiento económico a largo plazo del país.

El proyecto de ley también equipararía al país para administrar la frontera de manera responsable y eficaz con inversiones inteligentes y efectivas, abordar las causas fundamentales de la migración que obligan a las personas a abandonar Centroamérica y restaurar el compromiso de Estados Unidos con los derechos humanos.

"Los inmigrantes son el tejido de nuestra comunidad. Son nuestros amigos, vecinos, compañeros de trabajo y más", dijo el representante Brad Schneider (IL-10). "Me enorgullo de unirme a mis colegas para apoyar la histórica Ley de Ciudadanía de EE. UU. del presidente Biden para reformar nuestro sistema de inmigración quebrado".

**Schneider Introduce U.S. Citizenship Act**

Congressman Brad Schneider announced that he is an original cosponsor of the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, President Biden's bold, inclusive, and humane framework for the future of the United States immigration system. The legislation was introduced by Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez (CA-38).

The legislation would provide millions of hardworking, undocumented immigrants with a pathway to earned citizenship, including Dreamers, Temporary Protective Status (TPS) recipients, and essential workers who have made enormous sacrifices during the pandemic; prioritize family reunification and keeping families together; and bolster the country's long-term economic growth.

The bill would also equip the country to responsibly and effectively manage the border with smart and effective investments, address root causes of migration that force people to leave Central America, and restore the United States' commitment to human rights.

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(Puro Futbol, 2/28/21)

**Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act (H.R. 2255):** Rep. Schneider introduced this bipartisan legislation, which would reallocate 40,000 additional visas for doctors and nurses to practice in U.S. H.R. 2255 would reallocate visas previously authorized by Congress that have not currently been used. Of these, 15,000 visas would be reallocated for foreign-born physicians and 25,000 visas for foreign-born nurses. This legislation would ensure durable immigration status for this vital workforce while meeting the demands posed by the current public health crisis. Sen. Durbin is the lead sponsor of this legislation in the Senate. Status: Introduced in the House.

**The Conrad State 30 & Physician Access Act (H.R. 3541):** Rep. Schneider introduced this bipartisan legislation to help increase the number of doctors available to work in medically underserved communities. H.R. 3541 would extend and expand the Conrad 30 Waiver program which allows foreign doctors studying in the United States to obtain a visa following medical residency if they practice in a medically underserved area for at least three years. Under current law, foreign doctors on J-1 educational visas must return to their home country upon completing

medical residency and wait two years before they can apply for a new visa or green card. Sen. Klobuchar is the lead sponsor of this legislation in the Senate. Status: Introduced in the House

**Build Back Better Act.** Rep. Schneider supports the immigration provisions included in the House's Build Back Better Act, but he also supports going further. He has called on the Senate to disregard the Parliamentarian's ruling and to make their own determination to include immigration reform in the BBBA. He has and will continue to vocalize his support for the need to protect immigrants in our community.

**Dream and Promise Act (H.R. 6):** Rep. Schneider is a cosponsor and voted for this legislation, which passed the House, to grant legal status to and provide a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, TPS holders and individuals with DED protections.

**No Ban Act (H.R. 1333):** Rep. Schneider is a cosponsor of this legislation, which passed the House. The bill strengthens the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit discrimination based on religion and restores the separation of powers by limiting overly broad executive authority to issue future travel bans.

**The EAGLE Act: (H.R. 3648):** Rep. Schneider is a cosponsor of this legislation, the Equal Access to Green cards for Legal Employment (EAGLE) Act of 2021, which would phase out the 7% per-country limit on employment-based immigrant visas. H.R. 3648 raises the 7% per-country limit on family-sponsored visas to 15%, establishes transition rules for employment-based visas, and makes changes to hiring H1B visa applicants.

**WELCOMED Act of 2021 (H.R. 5168):** Rep. Schneider is a cosponsor of this legislation, which would make Afghan nationals arriving on parole status eligible to receive the same resettlement benefits as refugees. Rep. Schneider supported the Continuing Resolution (CR) which was signed into law on September 30, 2021 that authorized Afghan parolees to receive refugee resettlement benefits. The CR also included \$1.68 billion to help fund these benefits for parolees.

**Access to Counsel Act (H.R. 1573):** Rep. Schneider voted for this legislation, which passed the House. It would require the Department of Homeland Security to ensure that people with valid travel documents who present themselves at the border, airports, or other points of interaction can communicate with counsel and other interested parties if they are subjected to prolonged inspection by CBP.

**Farm Workforce Act (H.R. 1603):** Rep. Schneider voted for this legislation, which passed the House, allowing undocumented agricultural workers who have been working in the U.S. to gain legal status and eventually receive lawful permanent residency and citizenship.

## Fighting for Commonsense Gun Control

This year has sadly seen even more senseless gun violence in our schools, our workplaces and our homes. I have worked to address the epidemic of gun violence from my first day in Congress. I am proud of my work with the Congressional Gun Violence Prevention Task Force and continue to look for opportunities to make our communities safer for all.

### [Schneider NRA Investigation prompts tax-exempt report](#)

Congressman Brad Schneider related to his investigation into potential abuse of exempt organizations' tax preference status by the National Rifle Association (NRA). The report highlights that large and complex organizations, like the NRA, can relatively easily avoid effective oversight and abuse the tax code to the illicit benefit of donors or executives. The report notes issues of the complexity of the tax code, a shortage of examination resources, and insufficient information on non-profit tax returns. The government is consequently overly reliant on external referrals to inform and prompt IRS attention on abuse by tax-exempt organizations.

"The reported abuses by the NRA of its tax-exempt status, not only is a disservice to American taxpayers, but puts at risk the protections rightly due law-abusing non-profit organizations. It also reflects the utter disregard NRA leadership has for their dues-paying members. As more information is released on the NRA's leadership stealing from its members, its self-dealing and deceptive practices, and its long abuse of its privileged tax status, I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Oversight Committee to ensure that the IRS has the resources and Congressional partners necessary to ensure compliance and root out bad actors," said Congressman Brad Schneider (IL-10). (Patch, 2/23/21)

### [Schneider takes aim at 3-D guns](#)

Congressman **Brad Schneider** of Deerfield joined several Democratic colleagues this week to reintroduce legislation that would make it illegal to distribute online blueprints and instructions for making firearms with 3-D printers.

"If plans for homemade plastic guns are readily available on the internet, with just a few clicks individuals could avoid a background check and build a deadly firearm undetectable by security systems," **Schneider** said in an announcement of the bill. (Daily Herald, 7/2/21)

### [Legislation mandating more security at gun shops proposed after Tribune report on stolen pistol linked to more than two dozen Chicago shootings](#)

The proposal from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin and U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** of north suburban Deerfield comes after the Tribune published a two-part series about how authorities linked the



stolen gun and a handful of others to at least 35 shootings here, including three homicides, after they were taken in a gun shop burglary in northern Wisconsin on New Year's Day 2016.

The proposal from Durbin and **Schneider**, dubbed the SECURE (Safety Enhancements for Communities Using Reasonable and Effective) Firearms Storage Act, would put in place conditions on federal firearms license dealers, or FFLs, including...

**Schneider** on Thursday acknowledged that similar gun shop security-enhancement legislation has been discussed in Congress before but without any action.

“It shouldn’t be that hard. These are people who are stealing guns. And making it a little more difficult for those people to steal those guns to get them on the street and commit the crimes ... should be something that should bring everyone in Congress — House, Senate, Republican, Democrat — together,” **Schneider** told the Tribune. “This shouldn’t be a partisan issue. It shouldn’t be a red state, blue state or a rural-urban divide.” (Chicago Tribune, (9/30/21)

### **Congressman Brad Schneider on infrastructure, proposed gun legislation**

Illinois Rep. **Brad Schneider** and Sen. Dick Durbin are pushing for more security at gun shops after a Chicago Tribune investigation showed that a gun stolen from a Wisconsin store was linked to 27 shootings in Chicago.

Reset talks with the Congressman about gun legislation and the infrastructure and spending bills that are currently stalled out on Capitol Hill. (WBEZ, 10/4/21)

**Working to Reduce Gun Violence from Stolen Firearms.** Introduced the SECURE (Safety Enhancements for Communities Using Reasonable and Effective) Firearm Storage Act, aimed at reducing gun violence by preventing the theft of firearms from federally-licensed gun dealers (FFLs). The SECURE Firearm Storage Act would address the problem of “smash and grab” gun store burglaries by requiring all firearms to be securely stored when a FFL is not open for business. The bill would authorize the Attorney General to review and put forth additional security measures to reduce the risk of theft and requires a new section on the FFL Application for an applicant to describe security plans before a license can be approved.

**Amendment to Enhance Transparency on Gun Sales Passes House.** Rep. Schneider joined with Rep. Joe Neguse in submitting an amendment to legislation closing the “Charleston Loophole”. This amendment is based off Rep. Schneider’s Default Proceed Transparency Act and would provide greater transparency from the FBI in conducting background checks. The amendment passed and was included in H.R. 1446, the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021.



**Introduced legislation to prevent “ghost guns” and prohibit “undetectable” guns:** Rep. Schneider helped introduce legislation, in partnership with Rep. Adriano Espaillat, that would classify firearm assembly kits as firearms, preventing the proliferation of so-called “ghost guns” that evade the safeguards in place for purchasing a firearm. Schneider has also cosponsored legislation that would prohibit “undetectable” guns made from plastic in order to evade metal detectors.

**Introduced Legislation to Block 3D-Printed Guns.** Rep. Schneider helped introduce legislation, in partnership with Reps. Ted Deutch, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and Carolyn Maloney, to block the online publication of files that include automatic instructions used to make fully functional firearms using 3-D printers.

**Renewed Push for Assault Weapons Ban.** Joined Rep. Cicilline (D-RI) and more than 200 colleagues to introduce legislation banning the sale, transfer, production, and importation of assault weapons.

## Caring for Seniors and Social Security

Seniors have been among the hardest hit by the COVID pandemic. We have worked to protect our seniors' health by giving them first access to the vaccines and raising the standard of care they receive in both hospitals and long term care facilities. We are also working to protect and strengthen the promises we make to our seniors by strengthening Social Security and Medicare.

**Strengthening Social Security and Caring for Caregivers.** Rep. Schneider introduced the **Social Security Caregiver Act (H.R. 3632)**, legislation that would provide retirement compensation in the form of Social Security credits to those who left the workforce to care for loved ones. This bill was included in a larger package, **Social Security 2100: A Sacred Trust (H.R. 5723)**, of which Rep. Schneider is a cosponsor. H.R. 5723 is landmark legislation which increases benefits across the board for all Social Security beneficiaries, improves Social Security's long-term financing, improves the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), so it reflects the inflation actually experienced by seniors, and ensures no one retires into poverty after a full career.

**Ensuring Strong Retirement and Protecting Social Security.** Rep. Schneider is a long-time supporter of the **Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82)**, bipartisan legislation which eliminates cuts to Social Security benefits currently experienced by millions of Americans who have worked in public service. Rep. Schneider also cosponsored and, through his assignment on Ways and Means, worked on the **Securing a Strong Retirement Act (H.R. 2954)**, bipartisan retirement security legislation, which promotes early retirement saving, creates new financial incentives for small business to offer retirements, expands retirement options, and more.

## Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Justice

We are a country founded on the ideal that all people are created equal and are equal before the law. It is a tenet embedded in our constitution and a principal we must continue to pursue in the effort to create the “more perfect union.”

**I am** an original cosponsor of the **George Floyd Justice in Policing Act**, landmark legislation in response to the untimely death of George Floyd. This legislation would reform law enforcement agencies, including by giving state attorneys explicit authority to investigate unconstitutional policing practices. This bill passed the House in February.

**I was also proud to** cosponsor of two bills that address the mental health of police officers in the wake of January 6th, the **COPS Counseling Act**, which broadly increases privacy protections for police officers seeking mental health assistance from peer support programs and crisis lines and **The Public Safety Officer Support Act**, which would expand the Public Safety Officers’ Benefits (PSOB) program to include coverage for public safety officers who die as a result of suicide or are disabled as a result of traumatic experiences.

**Commitment to Equality.** I am a member of the Equality Caucus and Pro Choice Caucus and is committed to equality in all facets of life. Rep. Schneider’s bipartisan, **Fair and Equal Housing Act**, which would include “sexual orientation” and “gender identity” as protected characteristics under the Fair Housing Act, was included in the Equality Act (H.R. 5) and passed out of the House of Representatives.

**Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):** I have consistently supported legislation in support of the Violence Against Women Act and was an original cosponsor of legislation to expand and reauthorize it this year (H.R. 1620).

**Women's Health Protection Act.** I cosponsored H.R. 3755 which prohibits governmental restrictions on access to abortion services including, but not limited to, provider’s ability to prescribe certain therapeutics or offer telemedicine services. This legislation successfully passed the House by a 218 - 211 on September 24, 2021. Senator Blumenthal introduced the companion bill in the Senate.

**Recognizing National Pregnancy Loss and Remembrance Day:** I introduced a bipartisan resolution recognizing individuals who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or infant. Congress first recognized October 15th as “National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day” in 2006. Rep. Schneider’s resolution coincided with the 15th anniversary.

**Lymphedema Treatment Act.** I was pleased to cosponsor this bipartisan and bicameral legislation which would require Medicare Part B to cover physician-prescribed compression therapy items that are used to treat lymphedema. Studies have suggested this legislation has the potential to lower total health care costs associated with lymphedema by decreasing the incidence of lymphedema-related complications, comorbidities, and disabilities.

**Supporting Efforts to Prevent and Treat AIDS.** I also cosponsored the World AIDS Day Resolution, H. Res.813, which supports the goal of achieving zero new HIV transmissions, zero discrimination, and zero AIDS-related deaths to end the HIV epidemic in the United States and across the globe by 2030.

**Stephanie Tubbs Jones Uterine Fibroid Research and Education Act.** My health equity agenda also includes cosponsoring H.R. 2007 which increases research funding for fibroids (disproportionately affects women of color) through the NIH, totaling \$150 million over 5 years; expands CMS's database on chronic conditions; and creates a public education programs for people and providers through the CDC and HRSA, respectively.

## Fighting for Faster Postal Service

**Holding the United States Postal Service (USPS) Accountable.** This fall I was honored to participate in a Committee on Oversight and Reform field hearing in Chicago entitled, “Waiting on the Mail: Postal Service Standard Drops in Chicago and the Surrounding Area.” During the hearing, Rep. Schneider and his colleagues investigated the root causes and changes implemented by Postal Service senior staff that may have contributed to the decline in delivery service standards throughout 2020 and 2021 in the Chicago area. Rep. Schneider pushed for greater transparency, oversight, accountability to customers, and investment in the long-term success of the United States Postal Service.

I have also cosponsored several pieces of legislation that would reform the USPS to improve financial sustainability and service standards. He is a cosponsor on the flagship postal bill for this Congress, the Postal Service Reform Act (H.R. 3076), which would eliminate the health care pre-funding mandate, integrate retiree health care with Medicare, and codify a six-day delivery standard, among other reforms.

## Preventing Animal Cruelty

Our rescue dog, JoJo, got some notoriety this past May when she ran away and was on her own for 10 days before we found her and brought her home. Perhaps the most touching part of this story was the countless people in our community and around the Tenth District who saw our posters and social media posts and pitched in to help find her. I suspect part of what inspired people was JoJo's history of abuse as a breeder dog in a puppy mill.



I've been committed to preventing animal cruelty long before we adopted JoJo and I am proud of my work in Congress to protect animals.

**Prioritizing the Protection of Animals.** I am a member of the Animal Protection Caucus and have consistently received a perfect score from the Humane Society for his leadership and voting record on Animal Welfare Issues. I cosponsored key legislation such as the **Preventing Future Pandemics Act (H.R. 151)** to end the import and sale of certain wildlife to prevent the future spread of diseases like COVID-19, the **Preventing All Soring Tactics Act (H.R. 5441)**, to prohibit horse soring, and the **Big Cat Public Safety Act (H.R. 263)**, which restricts the exhibition of big cats to the public.

**Cracking Down on Puppy Mills.** I am committed to shutting down puppy mills and ensuring the proper treatment of dogs in all facilities. I led a bipartisan letter with my colleague, Rep. Nicole Maliotakis of New York, to the United States Department of Agriculture ahead of Puppy Mill Awareness Day calling for stricter enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and improved inspection protocols that have slipped as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am also a cosponsor of GOLDIE's Act, which would require USDA to conduct more frequent and meaningful inspections and impose monetary penalties for violations of the AWA, and the Puppy Protection Act (H.R. 2840), which raises the standards for breeding practices, veterinary care, and regulations for retired breeding dogs.



**Committed to Protecting Endangered Species.** I was proud to cosign Reps. Beyer, Grijalva, and DeFazio's letter to request an emergency listing to temporarily restore federal protections through the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to the gray wolf.

## Around the District



While it's been a year of ups and downs, among the many highlights of 2021 for me were the opportunities to be in and around our district meeting the people I am honored to represent. I love hearing their stories, learning about their ideas and their concerns, and always celebrating their successes.

### [‘Tiny but mighty’ Highwood Public Library wins national honor for community outreach program](#)

It was U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, who originally nominated the library for the IMLS award for its programming. He calls its services a “doorway to progress and opportunity.”

“Under Executive Director Carmen Patlan’s leadership, the Highwood Public Library has transformed into a vital hub of support for local families and the growing immigrant population in Highwood,” **Schneider** said in a news release. “The Highwood library’s technology and education services help ensure that local children and families of all backgrounds have the tools they need to succeed.” (LAke County News Sun, 5/24/21)

### [Coronavirus message from niece of police-shooting victim Jacob Blake catches eye of U.S. Rep. Schneider, prompts DC invitation](#)

Katzenmaier art teacher Stacy Thomas said U.S. Rep Brad Schneider, D-Deerfield, was helping the district fasten the ribbons to the fence Tuesday. He wrote one too. She happened to be holding Milan's ribbon when Schneider asked to see it.

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Milan's eyes grew wider as Schneider said his office, where she will be able to visit him, was occupied by Lewis before he died in July. Her look became more intent as he told her his wishes for her, and why he believes the Black Lives Matter movement got a boost after Floyd's death.

"Another side of this is a lot of people came together last summer, and said we're not going to accept this anymore," Schneider said. "My wish for you is you have everything you need to pursue your dreams."

After meeting Schneider and learning how she inspired him with her words, Milan said she will cherish the moment. She feels she received a privilege she will long remember. (Lake County News Sun, 5/6/21)

### [Recent Waukegan High grads offer different takes on unity to win Congressional Art Contest](#)

Kate Salinas, who took first, and Kim Lagunas, who placed second among 37 participants, were among five artists honored for their achievement by U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Deerfield, Friday at Jack Benny Plaza in downtown Waukegan.

Schneider said he chose the theme of unity for political reasons. He said unity is essential for the country to solve its problems because of today's divisiveness. He was impressed with the way the five young women displayed the idea.

"We have to come together," Schneider said. "If you want to go fast, go alone," he added paraphrasing an African proverb. "If you want to go far, go together."

There are 435 separate contests across the country, one for each congressional district. Schneider said the representative is free to pick the theme. Ava McQuain, a Mundelein High School junior, was third; while Meg McGavic, a Glenbrook South junior, and Megha Nambiar, a Grayslake Central junior, received honorable mention.

Lagunas' work will be displayed in Schneider's Lincolnshire office while McQuain's will be shown in his Washington headquarters. (Lake County News Sun, 6/7/21)

### Schneider celebrates military academy class of 2025 members from 10<sup>th</sup> District

Congressman **Brad Schneider** on Saturday hosted members of the military service academy class of 2025, their families, and selection committee members for a send-off celebration in Deerfield's Woodland Park.

With help from a selection committee of local military academy graduates and current and former service members, **Schneider** nominated 31 students from the 10th District. Of those, 12 were offered and accepted appointments by a military academy. The military academy class of 2025 is the largest in Schneider's time representing the 10th District. Of the 12 appointees, three will attend the U.S. Military Academy West Point, three will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, one will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, five will attend the U.S. Naval Academy and one will attend the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School.

"Congratulations to the fantastic 10th District students who will be attending a military service academy this fall," **Schneider** said. "This year's applicants were exceptional, and I am thrilled we have a record-breaking class of 12 applicants accept their offers of admission. Thank you to the selection committee for their support and insight during the nomination process. I wish this year's class great success in their studies and their subsequent service to our nation." (Daily Herald, 6/9/21)

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection Building opens at Waukegan National Airport

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, was one of the elected officials at the event, along with Waukegan Mayor Ann Taylor, Lake County Board Chair Sandy Hart, state Sen. Melinda Bush, D-Grayslake, and others.

**Schneider** said he was unaware of the holding cell, and glad there has never been a need for it. As he was greeted by a number of people, including representatives of Fortune 500 companies, he stressed the economic importance of the international port of entry.

"This shows the truly global nature of this area. People can arrive here and quickly take care of their business needs," **Schneider** said. "Every time I see 'Welcome to the United States,' I see welcome home," he added referring to the sign. (Lake County News Sun, 6/21/21)

### Korean Cultural Center celebrates 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary

On Sunday, June 27, **Congressman Brad Schneider** (IL-10) celebrated the 11th anniversary of the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago. Thanks in part to the efforts of the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, the Tenth District is home to one of the most vibrant and civically-active Korean-American communities.

"Against the backdrop of rising prejudice against Asian Americans in this country, it is more important than ever to honor and celebrate Korean and Asian American heritage," said **Schneider**.

**Congressman Schneider** announced in December 2020 that the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago received a \$600,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will fund the Bisco Hall renovation at the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, allowing Korean artists to have the support and space they need to bring their heritage to life in the United States. (Daily Herald, 6/28/21)

### **Nate Firestone, who escaped Nazi captors to live a life full of family, dies at 102**

U.S. Rep **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, honored Firestone as his 100th birthday approached. He said in an email that Firestone's story of bravery and courage grows in importance today.

"At a moment when Jews around the world are facing more and more anti-Semitic attacks, we can all learn from Nate's example, when as a POW he stood tall in front of his Nazi captors and proudly told them 'I am a Jew,'" **Schneider** said in an email. "May his memory be a blessing for all who had the privilege to know him and those who learn his story." (Pioneer Press, 7/11/21)

### **Former Waukegan Township Supervisor Patricia Jones honored for career, impact as role model for many**

When U.S. Rep. Brad **Schneider**, D-Deerfield, first decided to run for Congress in the 2012 election, he made it a point to meet Jones in 2011 as he was organizing his campaign. He learned quickly how she helped the most vulnerable in the community.

"She is a model of what a public servant should be," **Schneider** said. "She helped me learn what you could do with a strong will. As I got to know her better, I learned the only thing more important to her than the community she serves was her family." (Lake County News Sun, 7/26/21)

### **Ceremony marks renaming of Waukegan's John R. Lewis Middle School: 'Our students can see that you can love your country ... and still demand it be better'**

U.S. Rep. Brad Schneider, D-Deerfield, served with Lewis in the U.S. House, sometimes sitting near him, “so I can breathe the same air as you.” He now occupies Lewis’ last Congressional office.

Speaking first and talking about Lewis’ relationship with love, Schneider said Lewis and love were synonymous. Love was the only path to take because Schneider said, “Hate was too heavy a burden to bear,” quoting Lewis.

“He was an American icon trusted by all his colleagues and a mentor for many,” Schneider said. “Democrats and Republicans saw him as the conscience of Congress. He always knew what was right and wrong, and you had to stand up for what was right.” (8/8/21)

### **Rep. Schneider holds first live town hall in 18 months; ‘It feels great to meet with different people and hear what they have to say’**

Participants peppered U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, with questions about Medicare, immigration, abortion, local manufacturing growth and more this week during his first live town hall in 18 months.

**Schneider** answered those questions and more after giving more than 100 people an update on the work of Congress during a Congress on Your Corner Tuesday at the picnic shelter in Zion’s Shiloh Park.

“It feels great,” **Schneider** said after the event. “Right here in Zion, it feels great to meet with different people and hear what they have to say.” (Lake County News Sun, 8/15/21)

### **Students tour Botanic Gardens as part of STEAM Scholars program**

Twenty students from 13 local high schools toured the Chicago Botanic Garden last weekend as part of U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider** (D-Deerfield) STEAM Scholars program.

"Lake and Cook Counties offer incredible opportunities for students to learn about and work in STEAM fields here at home," **Schneider** said in a statement. "Our world-class Chicago Botanic Garden is a gorgeous, engaging example of the opportunities our students have, and I was thrilled to take this year's STEAM scholars there on Saturday."

The tour was led by Botanic Garden staff including: Director of Restoration Ecology Andrea Kramer, Director of Plant Science and Conservation Kayri Havens, Ecologist Joan O'Shaughnessy and Community Engagement Manager Taran Lichtenberger, according to Schneider's office.



**Schneider's** STEAM Scholars program was open by application to all rising sophomores and juniors who live in the 10th Congressional District or attend high schools within its boundaries.

"STEAM education is critical for preparing our next generation for the jobs of the future," **Schneider** said. "Learning STEAM skills will help our students find creative solutions to problems like climate change, disease research, technology development and more."

### **Vernon Township pool renamed in homage to 'superhero' man and Stevenson High school alum who loved to swim, died of rare blood disease**

Other speakers Sunday, including U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, recognized a young man who inspired many in the community.

"His spirit, his incredible strength, personality and perseverance, everything about Jacob, this pool will be part of his memory and a part of our community, and that's something really special," **Schneider** said. (Pioneer Press, 10/18/21)

### **Schneider town hall in Round Lake discusses bipartisanship**

U.S. Rep. **Brad Schneider**, D-Deerfield, discussed infrastructure funding and the importance of bipartisanship at his Congress On Your Corner on Aug. 27 in Round Lake.

"I was grateful to hear from constituents in Round Lake on Thursday about the need to rebuild our nation's crumbling infrastructure, and the importance of bipartisanship," **Schneider** said in a news release. "I will keep working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to deliver the federal infrastructure investment that communities like Round Lake deserve."



**In Person Events:** 1,154+

**Zoom Events:** 737+

**Outreach Programs:** 50

**School visits:** 12

**Brad at Your Business Visits:** 16

**Number of constituent cases closed:** 2,070

**Total amount saved/returned to constituents:** \$3,483,129

**Total Grants Awarded to IL-10:** \$188,312,745

**Total Organizations Receiving funds:** 89

**Shuttered Venue Operators Grant:** \$13 Million received by 13 organizations

**Casework Highlights:**

**Rep. Schneider's office can help with immigration problems.** The office helped a constituent get their Employment Authorization Document at US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and acquire a change in their work status so that they could get back to work. The office helped one constituent's wife and children with their asylum application to escape horrific conditions. The office was able to help families who were fleeing Afghanistan. One constituent from Niles had family stuck in Afghanistan. The office was able to connect them with an organization that was able to help them out of Afghanistan and into a safer region where they are now in line for interviews to enter the United States as legal permanent residents.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help with Social Security problems.** One dual citizen constituent's son was born in Israel, but was struggling to claim the child on his taxes. By contacting Rep. Schneider's office, the constituent was able to receive the applicable Social Security number on time.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help veterans access their hard-earned benefits.** This year, the office was able to get an official military service document (DD214) for the family of a deceased Navy veteran from Prospect Heights so that the honor guard could attend his funeral and give him the honors he earned during his service. The office helped another veteran appeal their service connection percentage upward and receive earned back-pay.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help constituents navigate problems with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).** After contacting the office, one constituent was able to secure their refund of \$21,393 and another constituent was able to secure their refund of \$8,034.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help constituent businesses navigate the Small Business Administration (SBA).** One constituent applied for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) adjustment and through our office was able to increase their loan by \$350,000 and save their business. Another constituent was struggling to receive their second draw of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), and was able to secure their benefit by contacting the office.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help with problems with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.** For example, one constituent this year could not get their medical bills paid by Medicaid due to a technical glitch. After being contact, the office was able to intervene and get the constituent bills paid.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help with problems with the passport office.** For example, Alex of Des Plaines is the father of a bride whose groom was stuck overseas waiting to get an immigrant visa to the US. The office contacted the embassy, and they gave him an emergency appointment. He was able to pick up his passport and got to the US just in time for the wedding. Another constituent contacted the office the day after they became a U.S. citizen. Within two weeks, they had received their passport and were traveling to Canada with their U.S. passport.

**Rep. Schneider's office can help with problems with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).** One constituent's request to the USPS for mail forwarding due to a change in address was being ignored. By contacting the office, they were able to receive their back-mail and begin receiving their forwarded mail.

## 2021 BY THE NUMBERS: COMMUNICATIONS

**Schneider hosts conversation with 10th District mothers**

\$2M Road Improvement Project  
Proposed By Schneider For  
Glenview

**Schneider helps pass INVEST in America Act, which includes Glenview project**

**67 MENTIONS IN CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

**33 MENTIONS IN THE DAILY HERALD**

**23 MENTIONS IN THE SUN-TIMES**



**45 NEWSLETTERS SENT TO  
201,201 SUBSCRIBERS**



**5 CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNERS  
3 TELEPHONE TOWN HALLS**



**201 PRESS RELEASES,  
STATEMENTS AND PUBLIC  
ADVISORIES**



**53 FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS**

