

(Washington, D.C.)-This week, I was named a "Taxpayer Hero" by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste for the 112th Congress, and awarded the "Freedom Fighter Award" for defending economic freedom by FreedomWorks.

I'm pleased with these awards, because they reflect my principle that we have to be responsible with the tax dollars of American families and businesses.

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste Congress examines congressional votes on important tax, spending, transparency and accountability measures to determine who has defended taxpayer interests. I received a score of 83% from CCAGW and a 93% from FreedomWorks.

Since coming to Washington in January 2009, I have tried to find and enact cuts across the full spectrum of government spending. I support paring unnecessary defense spending, and have introduced legislation to cut the salaries, benefits and expenses of Members of Congress. I am also an active supporter of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and last Congress started a bipartisan Congressional Caucus to advance this idea. I believe we must continue efforts to bring fiscal responsibility to the United States, and address the deficit, over-spending, and the ever-growing national debt. This will involve looking at all aspects of government and government spending.

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