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# Representative Josh Harder

*2019 Annual Report*

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# Rep. Josh Harder's

## First year in office

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By the numbers...



Passed **8 bills and amendments** through the House of Representatives.

Held **18 public town halls** across the Valley for more than 1,700 attendees.



Worked across the aisle to support **312 bipartisan bills**, the most of any member of Congress.

Helped **1,000+** people in the Valley **cut through bureaucratic red tape**.



Returned over **\$500,000** to Central Valley families owed payment by the VA, IRS, Medicare, and other federal agencies.

Brought more than **\$20,000,000** in grant funding to the Valley to support local organizations and infrastructure.



# Legislation Introduced

## Water

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The **SAVE Water Resources Act** would help grow and sustain the Valley's water supply by investing in water projects and technology.

The **Water Resources Research Amendments Act** would help farmers prepare for droughts and help the state develop solutions to our water issues.

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## Health Care

The **Increasing Access to Mental Health Act** would expand access to mental health treatment by modernizing existing mental health care rules.

An **Amendment to the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act** to help protect folks who require mental health care and treatment from losing their insurance coverage.

The **STAR Act** would increase access to medical specialists by creating new telehealth infrastructure.

The **No Health Care, No Raise Act** would guarantee Congress can't give itself a raise until every person in the United States has health insurance.

## Jobs

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The **Fair Pay for the Modesto VA Act** would raise the wages of Modesto VA employees to attract more medical professionals and compete on a level-playing field to other VA employees across the state.

The **Youth Workforce Readiness Act** would provide skills training for kids starting in elementary school by funding afterschool programs.

The **Disability Employment Incentive Act** would incentivize employers to hire disabled workers and make workplaces more accessible.

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## Veterans and Law Enforcement

The **Stop Discrimination Against Veteran Homebuyers Act** would make it easier for veterans to buy a home using VA loans.

The **Supporting the Health and Safety of Law Enforcement Act** would facilitate cooperation between law enforcement and mental health centers.

The **ENLIST Act** would create a pathway for Dreamers to gain citizenship through military service.

A **Resolution** to honor retired members of the Armed Forces and designate April 18, 2019 "Military Retiree Appreciation Day."

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The **No Bonuses During Blackouts Act** would disincentivize PG&E from giving executives bonuses during blackouts by reestablishing a corporate tax penalty.

A **Resolution** to recognize the Assyrian Genocide.

# Legislation Passed

## ***Passed the House***

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The **Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act** which allows the families of fallen and critically injured servicemembers to end their phone, cable, or internet contract without being financially penalized.

An **Amendment to the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act** which protects access to mental health care.

An **Amendment to the For the People Act** which requires lobbyists to disclose who their clients are before lobbying members of Congress.

An **Amendment to the Stronger Child Abuse and Prevention Act** which directs more resources to Child Protective Services to combat child abuse and neglect from parents with Substance Use Disorders.

An **Amendment to the Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act** which ensures that insurance navigators are provided opioid specific training to best help those with addictions.

An **Amendment to the Dignity in Aging Act** which gives caregivers a seat at the table in legislative decisions made about elder care and the dangers of social isolation.

An **Amendment to the Lower Drug Costs Now Act** which ensures that data collection regarding drug prices is coordinated.

An **Amendment to the Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act** which guarantees that health care workers are protected in the workplace.

## ***Passed Committee***

The **Corporal Ronil Singh and Fallen Heroes Scholarship Act** which ensures that children as well as spouses of fallen law enforcement officers are eligible for college scholarships.

The **Making Education Affordable and Accessible Act** which expands funding for dual-enrollment programs so high school students can earn college credit.

The **START Career Pathways Act** which increases funding for community college partnerships with local industries to create more hands-on training tailored to the local economy.

The **School to Career Pathways Act** which creates a grant program to fund connections between students and career pathways in the Valley.

The **Stopping Doctor Shortages Act** which fixes a gap in student loan forgiveness for doctors and could bring as many as 10,000 doctors to the state.

An **Amendment to the PRO Act** which cracks down on employers who participate in “union busting.”

The **Financial Watchdog Support Act** helps improve oversight of big banks.

# Helping Folks in the Valley



## Peter Claffey, Tracy

Peter, a veteran from Tracy, who suffers from diabetes, was getting the run around from the VA. We were able to help him cut through red tape to get coverage.

## Stephen Lovejoy



## Modesto

Stephen served our country in Vietnam. Josh cut through red tape so he didn't have to pay for dental services out of pocket.

## Kathy Martz, Tracy



Kathy from Tracy was a nurse who's now fully disabled and can't work. Social Security took years to start paying her benefits. Josh got her nearly \$50,000 in backpay she was owed.



## Maria Garibay, Turlock

Maria's daughter was given a duplicate Social Security Number. Social Security kept telling her the error had been fixed, but it wasn't. Maria tried for 18 years to get it fixed with no luck. Josh got her the new number in just two weeks.

## Genesis & Genevieve Modesto



These twins were only given one Social Security Number when they were born. After their parents tried for months to work with Social Security, Josh was able to ensure the problem was solved.

## Sarah Beekman, Turlock



Sarah from Turlock runs a fourth generation bee farm in the Valley. Every year they bring in skilled workers to care for the bees. This year her visa's were delayed, until Josh stepped in.

# Staying Accessible

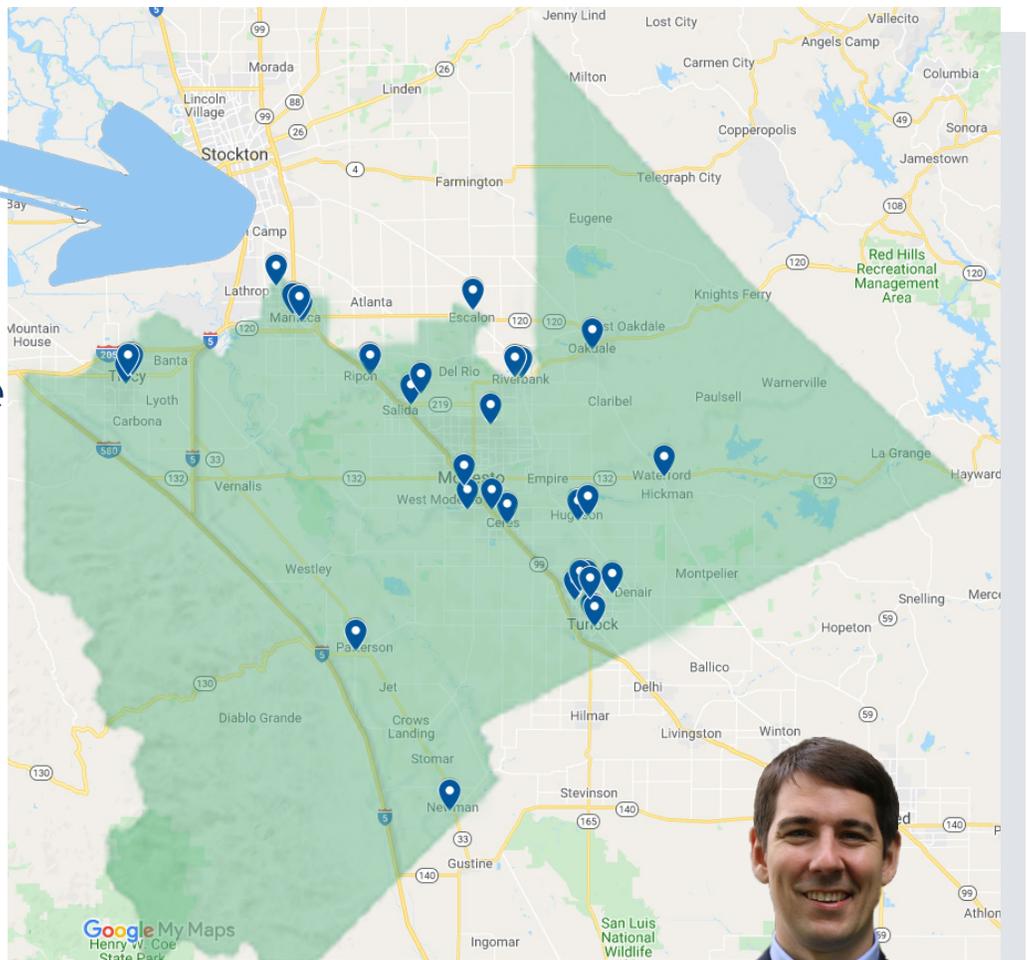
*Josh Harder has hosted:*

**18** Public town halls across the Valley for more than 1,700 attendees

**&**

**18** Open office hours where folks in the Valley can **meet one-on-one** with Josh.

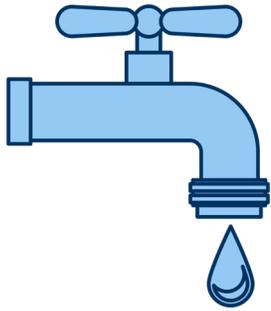
In addition, he's hosted **five telephone town halls** with more than 15,000 people to stay in touch while he's in Washington for votes.



***“The more I hear from folks at home in the Valley, the better I can work for them.”***

# 2020

## p r i o r i t i e s



Protecting our **water supply** and standing up for Central Valley farmers

Ensuring access to **affordable health care** and **lowering drug costs**



Working to **end the homelessness epidemic** in the Valley

Working across the aisle to put the **Valley first**, ahead of special interests and politics



Being **accessible** throughout the district and **responsive** to your concerns

