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# Representative **JOSH HARDER**

*First Term Accomplishments*  
2019-2020

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# Josh Harder's First Term

*by the numbers...*



Authored **5** pieces of legislation signed by **President Trump** and passed into law and passed another 15 through the House of Representatives.



Held **18** public town halls across the Valley for more than 1,700 attendees and continued hosting virtual events during the pandemic.



**#1** most bipartisan member of Congress, by cosponsoring 605 bills with Republicans.

Helped **4,000+** people in the Valley cut through bureaucratic red tape.



Returned over **\$5 million** to Central Valley families owed payment by the VA, IRS, Medicare, and other federal agencies.

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

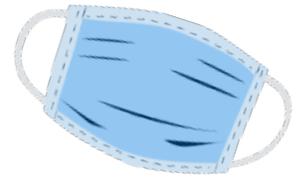


# Responding to COVID-19

## *Fighting for Seniors*

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Rep. Harder worked to protect the most vulnerable members of our community by pushing the administration to provide more testing, introducing a comprehensive plan to protect nursing home staff and residents, and conducting oversight to ensure compliance with federal regulations.



## *Protecting Workers*

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Rep. Harder passed a bill into law during the pandemic ensuring businesses can give their employees ample time off to recover from COVID-19 without risking their jobs or their bottom lines.

## *Protecting the Economy*

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Rep. Harder supported programs to protect workers and businesses like the Paycheck Protection Program which has saved more than 70,000 Valley jobs. He introduced legislation for Valley specific solutions including a bill to protect our state and local fairs from financial ruin and a successful push for the USDA to purchase \$20 million from walnut farmers already struggling from the trade war. He also ensured our agriculture sector was represented on the White House Coronavirus Task Force.



## *Helping Hard Hit Communities*

Rep. Harder established a Latino COVID Task Force to identify the causes of the disproportionate virus spread among our Latino community and take targeted steps to address it.

# Top Accomplishments

1

**Secured the first federal funding for a Valley water storage project in 50 years.** Brought back \$14M for Central Valley water projects which will increase our water storage by two million acre feet.

2

**Rep. Harder was the most bipartisan member of Congress, working across the aisle on common-sense legislation.** More than 90% of the bills he sponsored were supported by both Democrats and Republicans.

3

**Brought home the largest Economic Development Award grant in Stanislaus County history for the VOLT Institute.** The money means new job training classes and more training equipment so our neighbors can get better paying jobs.

4

**As part of his effort to protect Vietnam Veterans, Josh Harder successfully got the Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act signed into law - which provides benefits to veterans exposed to Agent Orange who weren't previously covered.**

5

**Successfully secured aid for walnut farmers during the trade war and pandemic.** Originally walnuts were left out of assistance programs, but Josh got them added guaranteeing Valley farmers wouldn't be left behind.

# Legislation Passed

## Signed into Law



The ***Paid Sick Leave Credit Act*** provides tax credits to businesses that pay employees who miss work because of the Coronavirus.

The ***Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act*** requires the VA to cover conditions scientifically linked to Agent Orange exposure for thousands of Valley veterans.



The ***Nutria Eradication and Control Act*** uses a tried and true eradication method to fight the out of control swamp rat population threatening our waterways.

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



The ***Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act*** uses state of the art technology to more accurately measure snowpack and increase water supplies.

# Legislation Passed

## *Passed the House*

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.

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

The **Improving Awareness of Health Coverage Options Act** would update employer requirements to help laid off employees maintain health coverage.

The **Fresh Produce for Kids in Need Act** would help provide fresh, local produce for school meal programs which many families have relied on during the pandemic.

The **Apprenticeships to College Act** would allow apprenticeships and internships to automatically count as college credit.

Two **Amendments to the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act** would address wildfire prevention, the health effects of wildfires and smoke inhalation issues.

An **Amendment to the PRO Act** which would crack down on employers who participate in "union busting."

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

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

An **Amendment to the Stronger Child Abuse and Prevention Act** which would direct 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 would ensure that insurance navigators are provided opioid specific training to best help those with addiction issues.

An **Amendment to the Dignity in Aging Act** which would give 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 would ensure that data collection regarding drug prices is coordinated.

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

# Neighbors Served

## Paula Elias, Manteca



Paula needed to see her grandson with special needs in Canada but couldn't renew her passport. Josh got it fixed in less than a week.



## Carmen Coda, Turlock

Carmen is a mother of three kids and needed her husband's help taking care of them during the pandemic. Unfortunately her husband was stuck in Mexico waiting for a visa. Josh expedited the process and reunited their family.



## Peter Claffey, Tracy

Peter, one of our local veterans, suffers from diabetes and was getting the run around from the VA. Josh helped him cut through red tape to get coverage.

## Kathy Martz, Tracy



Kathy 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.



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

## Stephen Lovejoy Modesto

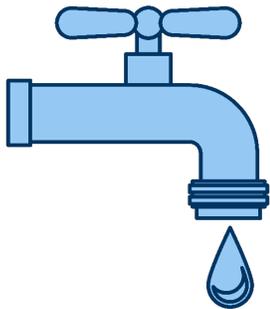
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## p r i o r i t i e s



Get the **pandemic under control** and **secure economic relief** for our families and small businesses.

Ensure access to **affordable health care** and **lower drug costs**.



Protect our **water supply** and stand up for Central Valley farmers.

Work across the aisle to put the **Valley first**, ahead of special interests and partisan politics.



Continue to be **accessible** across the district and **responsive** to your concerns.