



CONGRESSMAN

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REPORT TO THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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Congressman Brad Sherman. An agenda for Valley families.



Economic policy

I consistently stood with the Democratic Caucus in voting against huge tax cuts for giant corporations that we can not afford. After blocking fiscally irresponsible and unfair bills, we finally reached agreement on a bipartisan economic stimulus package that will encourage job creation and provide additional unemployment benefits as we move out of recession.



Foreign policy

As a member of the International Relations Committee, I joined an overwhelming bipartisan vote to authorize and finance strong action to defeat terrorism. I have strongly supported strengthening our relationship with Israel, America's staunchest friend in a troubled region.



Education

I continue to support substantial increases in federal funding for public schools. We have recently been successful in securing funds for teacher training and creative after-school programs.



Environment

My voting record has been consistent with the recommendations of the Sierra Club 100% of the time. I am working to open more of the Sepulveda Basin to recreational opportunities, to secure funds to acquire land in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, and to stop the Ahmanson Ranch project.



Protecting women's rights

Year after year I have earned a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood and will continue to work for women's reproductive rights and to fund family planning programs in America and around the world.



Ending gun violence

I have received a 100% rating from Jim and Sarah Brady's Campaign to End Gun Violence and I will continue to stand up to the NRA to protect our area from gun violence.



Social Security and Health Care

I continue to work for a prescription drug benefit as part of Medicare and for a federal *Patients Bill of Rights*. I continue to work against fiscally irresponsible Republican proposals that will impair the federal government's ability to pay social security benefits in future years.



Campaign Finance Reform

As a strong supporter of campaign finance reform, I stood with Senators McCain and Feingold and Congressmen Shays and Meehan on every important procedural and substantive vote. With them, I cosponsored the *Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2001* which passed the House last month and is likely to be signed into law this year.



Consumer protection

I have cosponsored the *Identity Theft Protection Act* and the *Telemarketing Relief Act*. I strongly supported the *Air Passengers' Bill of Rights* and recently introduced the *Bill Payment Grace Period Act*, dealing with national emergencies which delay mail delivery. I have fought against "reforms" of our judicial system which would have made it more difficult to hold those who harm consumers and the environment responsible for their actions.

"Please take a minute to fill out and return my Congressional Issue Survey. It will help me to serve you better."

Brad Sherman