



May 18, 2011

Dear Michiganders:

Since arriving in Washington in January, I've been on a mission to create economic opportunities for the people of Michigan's 13th District. Achieving this mission means not only attracting quality high-wage jobs to metro Detroit but also building a world-class education system, reducing healthcare costs, and stemming the tide of foreclosures.

Over the past four months, we've had some encouraging news:

- General Motors announced a milestone of four consecutive quarters of profitability, creating thousands of metro Detroit jobs.
- Our Office succeeded in tripling a federal grant available for Detroit Public Schools, from \$10 million to \$30 million.
- Amid unprecedented budget cuts, I fought successfully to secure funding for Detroit firefighters and community health clinics.
- Our Office has responded to over 1,500 constituent cases, addressing issues from home foreclosures to Social Security claims.

Southeastern Michigan is facing an economic crisis. Unemployment levels in metro Detroit are unacceptable, and far too many people in our community are underemployed and underpaid. Right now, I am fighting to bring federal grants to the 13th District to build industry and infrastructure, including a high-speed rail system, as well as to expand federal investment in our schools. I'm also fighting for fairness in bank lending practices, stopping illegal foreclosures, and keeping people in their homes. Over the long-term, I am working to build a positive climate for workers, investors, and families in metro Detroit. This means enhancing public safety, financial stability, and environmental quality in the region.

As taxpayers, please remember that I am your dedicated employee. Please continue to contact me with your thoughts and concerns on all issues. My staff and I are committed to serving you and to building a brighter future for Southeastern Michigan.

Sincerely,

Hansen Clarke | Member of Congress

Congressman Hansen Clarke's Statements to Congress



Please visit www.hansenclarke.house.gov/videos to view the speeches below

- Tuesday, February 8, 2011 THE SPIRIT OF DETROIT
- Tuesday, March 1, 2011 MAKE IT IN AMERICA
- Wednesday, March 16, 2011 PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS TIME
- Thursday, March 17, 2011 SUPPORTING PUBLIC RADIO
- Thursday, March 31, 2011 TESTIMONY TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE
- Wednesday, April 6, 2011 DETROIT BORDER SECURITY
- Wednesday, April 13, 2011 HIV/AIDS
- Wednesday, May 4, 2011 INVESTING IN AMERICA AFTER THE DEATH OF BIN LADEN
- Wednesday, May 11, 2011 ADVANCED VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY
- Thursday, May 12, 2011 STATEMENT ON AFGHANISTAN

Serving the Community

Lending a Helping Hand to Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries



The Office of Congressman Hansen Clarke was honored to spend time working with the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry (DRMM). DRMM was established in 1909, and is the largest nonprofit organization of its kind in the nation. After 102 years of service, DRMM's commitment to the livelihood, success, and sustainability of Greater Detroit is essential. DRMM touches the lives of 1,400 women, men, and children in the Detroit community everyday by providing shelter, food, and job training.

For more information on the DRMM, please visit www.drmm.org.

Packing Lunches at Gleaners Food Bank for School Kids

Congressman Hansen Clarke's staff members worked with Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan to pack lunches for school children. The lunches were given to children to be taken home over the weekend. Many students depend on food provided at school as their only meals for the day.

Established in 1977, Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan is one of the oldest food banks in the nation. To learn more on how you can continue their mission of "nourishing communities by feeding hungry people" please visit www.gcfb.org.

Congressional Art Competition



Rep. Hansen Clarke with Congressional Art Competition finalists and judges.

Congressman Hansen Clarke was honored to display the artwork of over 50 high school students from Michigan's 13th District in the Congressional Art Competition on April 27th at the historic Detroit Public Library.

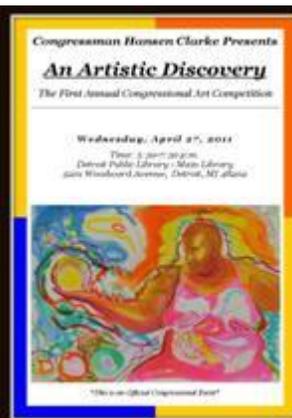
The Congressional Art Competition is a national exhibition coordinated by Members of Congress. Since its inception in 1982, the competition has recognized nearly 650,000 high school students. This contest is an opportunity to encourage the artistic talent in the nation and our congressional district.

The 1st place winner received two complimentary airplane tickets from Southwest Airlines to attend the exhibition of their artwork in our nation's capitol where it will be proudly displayed for a year.

Congressman Hansen Clarke is an artist himself with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts in Painting from Cornell University. He stressed the importance of art education in his remarks and spoke to many participants, one artist to another, about their work.



1st place George Mattingly and his family



3rd place Angelica Estrada-Harris



Resources

Neighborhood

United Way for Southeastern Michigan

United Way 2-1-1

660 Woodward Ave.

Suite 300

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313-226-9200

Dial 2-1-1 or 800-552-1183

www.211.unitedwaysem.org

- United Way 2-1-1 is a multi-lingual, comprehensive information and referral service available 24/7/365. Their database contains more than 20,000 programs and services such as after school programs, senior care services, and medical and prescription assistance. If you need help with anything, call United Way of Southeastern Michigan and they'll likely be able to help you with resources.

Food

Gleaners Community Food Bank

Main Headquarters

2131 Beaufait

Detroit, MI 48207

Phone: 313-923-3535

www.gcfb.org

- Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan provides food and personal care products to people in need.

Legal Service

Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan

455 W. Fort St.

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone: 313-964-1975

www.nlsmlaw.us

- Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan offers free legal advice and guidance, information, referrals. They also offer services to seniors, care givers, and care recipients. They will assist with wills, trusts, and estate planning.



Resources

Foreclosure

Detroit Non Profit Housing Corp

8904 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, Michigan 48202
Phone: 313-972-1111
Fax: 313-972-1125

- Counselors provide free community services to help keep people in their homes.

Moratorium Now!

5920 2nd Ave. (near Antoinette)
Detroit, MI 48202
Phone: 313-887-4344

www.moratorium-mi.org

- A coalition to help stop foreclosures, evictions, and utility shut offs. Call or go online to find out which services may be provided free of cost.

Wayne County Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program

640 Temple
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: 313-833-2948 or 877-693-6199.

www.fightmortgageforeclosure.com

- A free service dealing with mortgage delinquency and default counseling. They help create personalized solutions for homeowners who are in or about to default on their mortgages.



Resources

Financial Planning

GreenPath, Inc.

2111 Woodward
Suite 906
Detroit, MI 48201
Phone: 888-860-4167
www.greenpath.com

- GreenPath Debt Solutions is a nationwide, nonprofit financial organization that assists consumers with credit card debt, housing debt, and bankruptcy concerns.

Bethel Housing Counseling Agency

5050 St. Antoine
Detroit, MI 48219
Phone: 313-833-9912
www.bethelhousing.org

- Provides mortgage delinquency and default resolution, help with fair housing, loss mitigation, money management, and reverse mortgages, as well as home pre-purchase and post-purchase assistance.

Seniors

Detroit Area Agency on Aging

13333 Brewery Park Place
Detroit, MI 48207
Phone: 313-446-4444
www.daaa1a.org

- Their mission is to educate, advocate, and promote healthy aging. Their website lists many useful community events.

Wyandotte Senior Center

Copeland Center
2306 4th St.
Wyandotte, MI 48192
Phone: 734-324-7275

- Open from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Monday through Friday, they serve lunch at 11:15 AM. The Wyandotte Senior Center provides meals and coordinates activities for senior citizens.



Constituent Highlight

The Office of Congressman Hansen Clarke is committed to serving all citizens in Michigan's 13th District. Every day, Rep. Clarke's Office strives for excellence in constituent service. This month, we would like to highlight Ms. Rosetta for whom we settled a Social Security claim.

Rosetta had been approved to receive Social Security benefits back in September 2010. However, she had not received her benefits by March 2011. Rosetta reached out to Congressman Clarke's Office not knowing where else to turn. Immediately, Congressman Clarke's staff worked with the Social Security Administration to ensure Rosetta received her benefits that were in arrears. The hard work and dedication secured over nine months of back pay for Rosetta.

THANK YOU FOR READING CONGRESSMAN HANSEN CLARKE'S NEWSLETTER!

If you would like to leave a comment,
please contact Congressman Hansen Clarke's Office:

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