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“The 111th Congressional session has been more strident than ever. Despite these tough times, we were able to accomplish some of the most significant and historic victories of any Congress - healthcare reform, greater regulation of Wall Street and credit card companies and greater funding for low-cost student loans. These types of victories are the reason I came to Congress and are the reason I continue to fight every day for the needs of hard working families of the 11th Congressional District.”

- Rep. Yvette D. Clarke





As your Representative in Congress, I've worked hard to fight for what's right for our community and to be your voice in Washington D.C.

In Washington this year, I was proud to have done my part in the effort to reform our nation's healthcare system. I believe there is much more to do. That said, we are now building the infrastructure of a 21st century health care system that has already begun providing millions of Americans with access to coverage and ending unfair practices by healthcare companies. No longer will people be denied coverage due to pre-existing health conditions. It is providing small businesses with the assistance they need to insure their employees, provides our seniors with the assistance they need to purchase their prescription medications and will eventually close the "donut hole" that made the cost of medications out of their reach.

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, I, along with my staff, helped to increase the funding for the Pell Grant Program and took expensive "middlemen" lenders out of the equation by permitting direct, low interest federal student loans, which gives more low and middle income students access to affordable college loans. I am also proud of the passage of two bills which represent major victories for working families. The Credit Card Reform Act of 2009 and The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act are new laws that force credit card companies to be more fair and transparent with consumers and take aim at the banks whose irresponsible practices started the foreclosure crisis and current economic downturn.

Here at home in Brooklyn, I have seen first hand the devastating effects and aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti has had on families in the 11th Congressional District. In 2010, I introduced the Haitian Emergency Life Protection Act. This bill would allow approximately 55,000 Haitians who obtained approved immigration petitions to cut through years of red tape and be reunited with their families in the United States. I've organized and rallied with Brooklynites for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. One of my top legislative priorities continues to be a complete overhaul of the US Immigration system - one that makes it more fair, open and humane while still safeguarding our city and nation.



Working with my colleagues, I am proud to have been able to secure nearly \$38 million in federal funds for projects here in Brooklyn. These funds will go to projects dedicated to revitalizing the local economy, increasing healthcare resources, creating jobs, protecting our homeland, strengthening education, fostering natural resource preservation and renewable energy and supporting entrepreneurs.

This session of Congress has seen many important victories for working families and communities like ours, but much more remains to be done. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming months as I continue to fight for the needs of our neighborhoods both inside and outside the halls of Congress. Thank you for your encouragement and support. I hope that you will re-elect me to be your Congresswoman.

RE-ELECT CONGRESSWOMAN

Yvette D. Clarke

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