

2010 VOTER'S GUIDE



How Did Congressman Paul D. Tonko Vote?

Congressman Paul D. Tonko
Democrat Representing New York 21st District

Congressman Tonko's Key Votes:

Vote #1 Cap-and Trade Bill (American Clean Energy and Security Tax H.R. 2454)

Tonko Voted: YES

A vote in favor of this bill established a “Cap-and-Trade” regime to reduce carbon emissions to slow “global warming.” Also known as “Cap-and-Tax,” the bill would impose a new national energy tax costing each family \$3,000 per year on average. It is estimated to increase unemployment by 1,105,000 jobs per year.

Vote #2 Obamacare Private Health Care Takeover (Affordable Healthcare for America Act H.R. 3962)

Voted: YES

This Obamacare bill slashed Medicare benefits by nearly \$500 billion for Seniors who paid into the system their entire working lives, while increasing taxes \$565 billion. The bill requires private insurers to add applicants with pre-existing conditions and children to the age of 26, raising private health insurance costs for most working Americans and small business. Bill mandates that 30 million Americans buy private insurance or receive free government care. Bill provides for “rationing” for life-saving medical procedures. The Congressional Budget Office estimates Obamacare will add \$1 trillion to federal costs over the next decade.

Vote #3 Obama-Pelosi Stimulus (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act H.R. 1)

Voted: YES

A vote in favor of this bill approved \$819 billion for President Obama’s stimulus program. One third of the stimulus provided for funds to state and local government to keep public employees employed. Since passage of the economic stimulus, unemployment has increased to 9.6%, the highest unemployment rate in 26 years.

Vote #4 Election of Nancy Pelosi as Speaker of the House

Voted: YES

The first and most consequential act of Congress, a vote in favor of Nancy Pelosi (Democrat-San Francisco) to be Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives for the 111th Congress.

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