



# Legislative Achievements

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Congressman Paul D. Tonko, NY-20

*“When you put the needs of the people you represent above all else, that spirit of service comes through in your work & the results you deliver for your community.”*

❖ Paul Tonko

## A Champion for New York Workers & Families

- Passed H.R. 1, the For the People Act, getting big money and special interests out of politics and protecting the right to vote
- Passed H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, creating stronger negotiation for drug prices and capping seniors out-of-pocket costs while adding Dental, Vision, and Hearing benefits to Medicare
- Passed H.R. 7, the Paycheck Fairness Act, ensuring that women receive equal pay for equal work
- Passed H.R. 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, which would make certain that all firearms sales are subject to a background check

**All of these bills and about 80% of House-passed legislation are awaiting action in the Senate**  
**275 of the bills awaiting Senate action are bipartisan**

## Bold Leadership in the People’s House

- Introduced 21 pieces of legislation, 18 of which were bipartisan, to [combat the opioid crisis](#), [improve Alzheimer’s care](#), [strengthen U.S. Heritage Areas](#), [modernize the sport of horse racing](#), [make limos safer](#), deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure, [streamline permitting of residential energy systems](#), officially recognize [Yellow Ribbon Day](#), and much more
- Cosponsored 422 pieces of legislation, **most in partnership** with Republican members
- Published “[Framework for Climate Action in the U.S. Congress](#)” at Climate Leadership Conference in Baltimore, MD
- Partnered with Congressional leaders to roll out a [bold plan to achieve a 100% clean U.S. economy by 2050](#)

## Delivering Results

- Secured **critical Capital Region priorities** in Fiscal Year 2020 budget deal, including:
  - An increase in the funding cap for the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor
  - \$308.5 million for the Weatherization Assistance Program to support energy efficiency retrofits of low-income homes
  - \$2.8 billion for Alzheimer’s Disease research, a record level of investment
- Under Tonko’s leadership as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, bills advanced to the full House to ban asbestos and take robust action to protect communities from PFAS in their drinking water
- Achieved House passage of Tonko-written bills including the [PIRATE Act](#), the [ACCESS BROADBAND Act](#), and the [Star Rating for Biosimilars Act](#)
- Marshalled committee passage of numerous Tonko-sponsored bills including to [advance clean energy innovation](#), [weatherization](#), [wind energy research](#), and [scientific integrity](#)

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