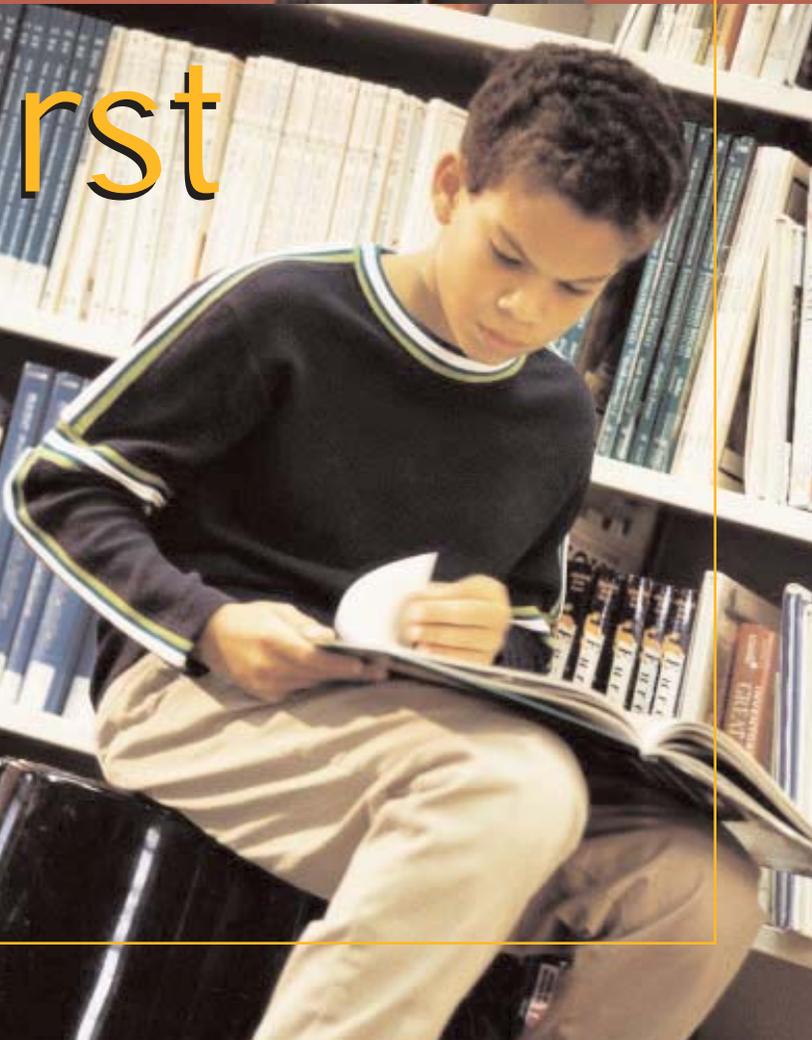


Putting Our Communities



First



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Congressman Hinojosa meets with residents of Beeville to discuss rural community concerns.

Check Out Our New Website

Congressman Hinojosa has recently launched a new, and improved website.

Check it out at:

www.house.gov/hinojosa

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“Family. Community. Patriotism. Prosperity. Strength.

“These are the values that are most important to our families, and these are the values I am committed to and fighting for in Congress.

“This mailing outlines my priorities to provide rural Texas a strong competitive edge for the 21st Century that puts our families and communities first. I look forward to hearing from you on these and other issues important to you.”

—*Congressman Rubén Hinojosa*

Standing for Common Sense Spending

Congressman Hinojosa wants to undo the damage being done by dishonest and irresponsible spending, exploding deficits, depleting trust funds such as Social Security and the ballooning national debt. He is fighting to balance the budget—as Congress did in the 1990s—and protect the country without harming Social Security or cutting farm programs, rural education, transportation, rural development, and small business loans. Cuts in these areas hurt the rural economy first.

Creating Jobs and Strong Trade Priorities for Rural Americans

Congressman Hinojosa believes in strengthening farming, industry and manufacturing in rural areas. He opposes a tax code that favors moving rural manufacturing jobs to other countries. The American family farmer grows the safest, highest-quality, lowest-priced food and fiber on the planet. Our policies should foster an economic climate that helps small businesses and family farmers compete and succeed in today's global marketplace.



- ✓ Supported funding increase for Manufacturing Extension Partnership program
- ✓ Cosponsored HR. 2978, Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Tax Incentive Act
- ✓ Voted to permanently eliminate the estate tax
- ✓ Brought a new Export Assistance Center to South Texas

's Priorities for Rural America: Communities First

Building Roads, Airports, Infrastructure and Information Systems

For rural businesses and family farms to grow and prosper, there must be safe roads, airports, and information technologies to connect them to the rest of the country and the world. Without them, rural America will be left behind. Congressman Hinojosa understands the importance of investing in rural America's roads, technology and infrastructure. Such measures will also encourage tourism and outdoor recreation—for hunting, fishing, hiking and other family oriented pastimes—for future generations to enjoy.

- ✓ Obtained \$80 million in FY 04 appropriations for local transportation projects
- ✓ Introduced HR 4588, Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act

Strengthening Education, Health Care and Housing for Our Families and Communities



Rural Americans deserve the same access to education, child-care, housing programs, medicine and health care that other Americans enjoy. Congressman Hinojosa is working to recruit qualified teachers and health care professionals as well as provide the most modern facilities available. Other priorities include affordable insurance, health care and prescription drugs. Quality childcare and first-rate schools must be available in all rural communities and every family should be able to afford to send their child to college.

- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 3519, College Affordability and Accountability Act
- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 4356, Small Business Health Insurance Promotion Act of 2004

Defending America—Honoring Veterans

Americans on the frontlines—our military forces, sheriffs, deputies, policemen, firefighters, and civil defense volunteers—must have the very best equipment and training. Our safety and freedom are the envy of the world. Congressman Hinojosa ensures continued funding for more law enforcement and emergency professionals on our streets, combatting Meth labs and drug abuse, and building a stronger judicial and prison system in rural areas.

Congressman Hinojosa is fighting for higher military pay, decent housing and better health care for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces and their families. He is also fighting for veterans by working to improve and expand local healthcare access for rural veterans, eliminate the disability tax, and ensure that military spouses receive their full pensions. Our veterans, military personnel and their families have sacrificed a great deal and deserve our full support.

- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 3474, Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act
- ✓ Cosponsored H.R. 3763, Military Survivor Benefits Improvement Act