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CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS ENDORSED BY INDEPENDENT VOTERS ORGANIZATION – INDEPENDENT PRECINCT ORGANIZATION -IVI-IPO

Chicago – Congressman Danny K. Davis thanked IVO-IPO for endorsing his candidacy for U. S. Representative said, “Over the years, I have worked with IVI-IPO on many progressive and independent issues and causes. IVI-IPO is a civic-minded organization empowered by the people. We share these values. Thank you for your support.”

Davis said about his legislative record, “Over the years we have introduced, authored, originated and passed legislation in the U. S. House of Representatives. Two historic and landmark bills that were passed into law are the ‘**New Markets Tax Credits**’ and the “**Second Chance Act**”, which have been reauthorized every year since passed. These bills alone have helped hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States.’

During the 116th Congress (2019-2020), we have introduced or co-sponsored substantial legislation. We are busy and I am proud of my legislative record and my community outreach. Last year alone, we convened more than 35 Town Hall Meetings.”

During the current 116th Congress (2019-2020), Congressman Danny K. Davis introduced substantial legislation to address the needs of the district. Davis serves on the U. S. House of Representatives’ Ways and Means Committee, and Chairs the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support and a Member on Trade. The Ways and Means Committee is a taxing body, and many of Davis’ creative legislative initiatives generate from that point of access.

Davis was the primary sponsor of the creation of **Predominantly Black Institutions as a special entity**, which enabled them to receive federal grant monies because of their designation like historically black colleges and universities. Some of these are Malcolm X College, Kennedy King, Olive Harvey, East-West University, South Suburban College, Robert Morris College, and other colleges and universities across the United States.

According to the U. S. Census American Community Survey 5-year estimates, more than 20,000 children in the 7th District of Illinois live with a grandparent. To assist grandparents with foster children, Davis introduced the “**Foster Opportunity EITC Act**,” This bill amends the IRS Code to modify earned income tax credit provisions to increase such credit for individuals with no children and extend from 65 to 68 the age limit for such credit. It also lowers the credit eligibility age for individuals with no children and for homeless and qualified foster youth.

Davis’ district includes the Illinois Medical District and over 20 hospitals with a constant flow of students seeking healthcare training opportunities. Davis introduced **H. R. 3398, to provide low-income individuals with opportunities to enter and follow a career pathway in the health professions**, to extend and expand demonstration projects, and for other purposes.

Davis introduced the “**Housing for Homeless Students Act of 2019.**” A Chicago report, “City of Chicago 2019 Homeless Point-in-Time Count & Survey Report,” indicated that in 2019, over 5,000 individuals were identified as homeless.

H.R. 4865 modifies the low-income housing tax credit to allow certain low-income building units that provide housing for homeless children, youth, or veterans who are full-time students to qualify for a tax credit. To qualify for the credit, the full-time student must have been a homeless child or youth during any portion of the seven-year period prior to occupying the housing unit or a homeless veteran during any portion of the five-year period.###