

Legislative Accomplishments: Ethics Reform

- Voted
to successfully change House rules to prohibit lobbyist-funded gifts,
meals, and trips.

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H Res 6,
House Rules for the 110th Congress, Title II, Ethics

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Passed House 1/4/07; 430-1 ; Roll Call (RC) #7

- Voted
and led debate to successfully pass sweeping earmark reform, including
requiring full transparency of earmarks and requiring Members to certify
that they and their spouses have no personal financial interest in an
earmark.

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H Res 6,
House Rules for the 110th Congress, Title IV, Fiscal Responsibility

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Passed House 1/5/097; 280-152; RC #8

- Cosponsored
legislation calling for the creation of an Independent Ethics Council

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H.R. 1754, The House Ethics Commission
Establishment Act

- Signed
letter with freshmen colleagues addressed to the Capuano Task Force asking
that they include an Independent Ethics Commission in the recommendations

to the House.

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Members are still waiting for the Task Force Recommendations.

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Letter dated April 23, 2007

- Held

press conference with fellow freshmen calling on House leadership to create an independent ethics council (May 16, 2007).

- Voted

for the Honest Leadership & Open Government Act, H.R. 2316

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Passed House 5/24/07; 396-22

- Voted

for the Lobby Transparency Act, H.R. 2317, that would require lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions that are bundled to certain recipients

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RC# 420; passed House 5/24/07; 382-37

- Voted

for the Legislative Transparency & Accountability Act of 2007, S. 1, to require more transparency and to restore public confidence in the legislative process.

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RC# 763; passed House 7/31/07; 411-8

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Signed into law 9/14/07; Public Law No: 110-81