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### **Rogers Facebook Application Launched**

Last week my office unveiled a groundbreaking new Facebook application. It will allow Michigan's Eighth District to stay updated with current news in Congress, access my online office, email me with more ease, and participate in flash polls - all from the comfort of their own Facebook page.

I am proud to be the first member of Congress to implement this new social media technology. My Facebook "widget" will change the way constituents communicate with me, giving anyone instant access to news and an opportunity to interact with me in real time. You cannot get much closer than that to the democracy envisioned by our Founding Fathers.

To embed the application on your personal page, just log on to Facebook, click [this link](#), and follow the brief instructions. You can always reload the application by visiting <http://apps.facebook.com/mikerogers>. Once you've signed up for the application, please spread the news by posting on your wall or take my most recent poll and share your views with your friends.

I am looking forward to this exciting new opportunity to listen to Michigan families in an environment in which we all are becoming more comfortable.

You can access my Facebook page, sign up as a friend, and leave me a message by [clicking here](#).

### **House Passes Rogers' Child Safety Program**

Yesterday, the House of Representatives voted to adopt H.R. 1469, The Child Protections Improvement Act, which I co-authored. This legislation establishes a clearinghouse run by the FBI that youth-serving organizations can access to run background checks on volunteers working with children.

Like all parents, I want to protect our children and keep them safe from predators and criminals. We also want them to experience the opportunities, socialization and education provided by many youth-serving organizations, but to do so in a safe environment. Comprehensive background checks of volunteers in youth organizations is essential to keep our children secure and give peace of mind to parents, families, educators and local law enforcement.

The Child Protection Improvements Act creates universal access to nationwide background checks for youth-serving organizations - like Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Boys and Girls Club - through a national clearinghouse run by the FBI. The goal is to prevent cases like one we had in Michigan where a mentoring applicant was run through a pilot program and found to be a registered sex offender with a conviction for criminal sexual conduct with a minor.

As an FBI agent, I saw the consequences of children who became the victims of predators and criminals. Keeping them safe with efforts like this child safety program will protect millions of young people across the nation involved with mentoring organizations, after-school programs, youth sports and many other groups.

### **Asian Carp Must be Sealed Off from Great Lakes**

I co-sponsored legislation this month to protect the Great Lakes against the invasive and predatory Asian carp. The proposed bill (H.R. 5625, the Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act) seeks a permanent separation of the Mississippi River Basin from Lake Michigan.

Asian carp got through the current electronic river barrier near Chicago and were found in a lake south of the city last week. This should be a strong and urgent signal that the Great Lakes are in imminent danger and we need decisive, effective action taken immediately. Asian carp are destructive and dangerous. They grow to very large sizes, often into the 90 to 100 pound range. They devour the food that sustains the aquatic life in the waters, including all the popular game fish that we enjoy such as perch, trout, walleye, and others. Also, due to their erratic behavior when boat motors are near, their high-jumping aerial acrobatics put boaters at great risk.

The \$7 billion in economic activity generated by the Great Lakes fisheries also is at risk from the damage of the carp at a time when Michigan and the nation cannot afford another economic blow. I hope Congress takes immediate action on the Permanent Prevention of Asian Carp Act to avert this natural and economic disaster in the Great Lakes, our greatest natural resource and a source of pride for Great Lakes States like Michigan.

To listen to an interview I did on WJR radio regarding this issue, please [click here](#).

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Sincerely,



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