



# The 47th Flyer

News for California's 47<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
from Congressman Alan Lowenthal



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## Issue #4

This has been a week marked by a terrible tragedy in Boston and a stunning legislative setback for all Americans in Washington, D.C.

As law enforcement officials continue to investigate the Boston Marathon bombings, we should remember that many of the victims of this senseless attack remain in the hospital and many of the most seriously wounded face years, if not a lifetime, of recovery. We must continue to keep the victims of this horrible tragedy in our thoughts and prayers.

Just a few days after the violence in Boston, the U.S. Senate had an opportunity to address one aspect of public safety by voting on legislation requiring a background check on gun sales.

Coming just months after the massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, a minority group of U.S. Senators blocked the gun safety legislation—despite polls showing that more than 90 percent of Americans, including myself, support universal background checks.

I sincerely hope that the day comes when I can vote on the floor of the House to pass common-sense gun safety legislation such as that currently in place in California.

*Alan Lowenthal*

## Tax Reform Is Overdue

Monday, April 15, was Tax Day and I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about my position on tax reform.

For too long, our tax code has unfairly benefited the wealthiest Americans, while middle class families have struggled. Tax Day is a reminder that Congress needs to end the rhetoric and start working together on tax reforms to fix this injustice.

We must close tax loopholes, end special interest tax breaks, reduce tax benefits for those who need them least, and reform the tax code to support the creation and retention of good-paying American jobs.

Instead, according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ryan-Republican budget threatens to raise taxes on middle class families with children by more than \$3,000 per year to pay for more tax cuts for the wealthy – all in the name of tax simplification.

I support, along with President Obama and Congressional Democrats, a balanced plan that closes tax loopholes for the wealthy and corporations that ship jobs overseas. Taking these steps would strengthen the middle class, help us invest in America's economic future, and reduce the deficit – all key to creating good-paying American jobs.

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## Take my survey

Do you support the Cyberber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA), which would allow businesses and the government to share internet data to combat cyber-attacks on economic targets?

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## CISPA: A Good Idea, But A Flawed Bill

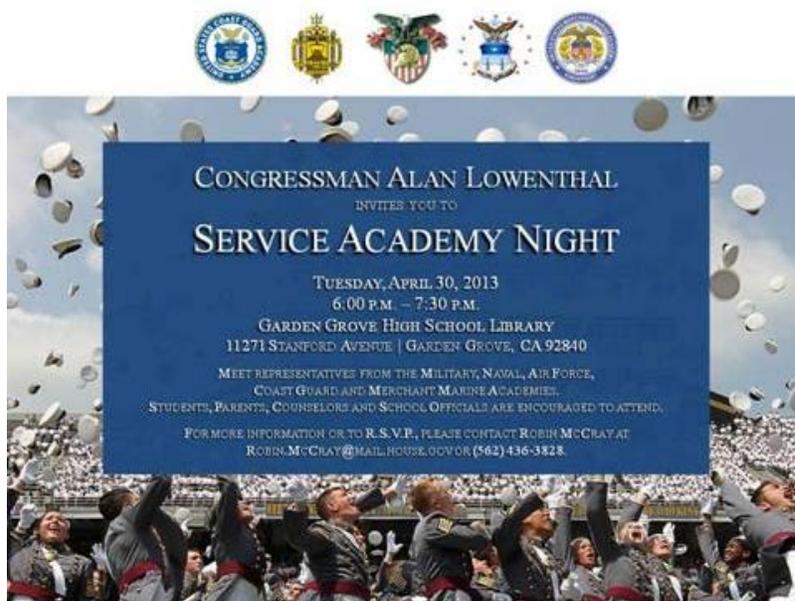
The internet has become an integral part of most businesses and damaging cyber-attacks are becoming not just a hypothetical risk, but a reality for many companies.

The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act (CISPA) was an effort to make it easier for companies to share information about cyber-attacks with other companies and the government.

However, while I agree with addressing the threats posed by cyber-attacks, CISPA was a flawed bill that I do not believe includes proper privacy or protected Americans' personal information.

Take the survey on the right and let me know about your thoughts on CISPA?

## Service Night Academy



I am proud to be hosting a Service Academy Night on Tuesday, April 30 at the Garden Grove High School library.

Representatives from the Military, Naval, Air Force , Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Academies will be on hand to meet with students and their parents.

I would encourage students, parents, counselors and school officials to attend.

## Last Week's Survey

**Question:** Would you favor or oppose cutting Social Security as a way to help reduce the federal deficit?

### Results:

- a. favor strongly - 2.2 %
- b. favor somewhat - 4.5 %
- c. oppose somewhat - 9.1 %
- d. oppose strongly - 84.1%

## Top Facebook Posts Of The Week



**Representative Alan Lowenthal** shared a link.  
April 12

Today marks my 100th day in Congress! So much has been done, yet there remains so much to do.

What do you think Congress should be doing for the next 100 days?

| Congressman Alan Lowenthal's First 100 Days in Office |  |
|---|--|
| 8550  | Hours of constituent constituent                             |
| 1031  | Legislation introduced by Lowenthal in the House             |
| 1593  | Legislation passed out of a House committee through an order |
| 315   | Legislation introduced by Lowenthal in the House             |
| 142   | Legislation introduced by Lowenthal in the House             |
| 332   | Legislation introduced by Lowenthal in the House             |
| 7   | Number of bills introduced                                   |
| 14  | Legislation introduced by Lowenthal in the House             |
| 1   | Number of bills introduced by Lowenthal in the House         |

**Congressman Lowenthal recaps first 100 days in Congress | Congressman Alan Lowenthal**  
lowenthal.house.gov

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- "These first 100 days have been a learning experience.



**Representative Alan Lowenthal**  
Monday

My thoughts and prayers are with those in Boston. What a tragedy.

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**Top Tweets Of The Week**



**Rep. Alan Lowenthal** @RepLowenthal 1h  
To those who tweeted with #CISPAalert: I stand in full support. My vote is #NoOnCISPA.  
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**Rep. Alan Lowenthal** @RepLowenthal 16 Apr  
Congratulations to @Israel, one of our strongest allies, on their 65th anniversary of #independence.  
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