

Dear Friend,

// I continue to meet with and listen to Central New Jersey residents about health care, schools in New Jersey, environmental protection, and other issues facing families. Last week, among other things, I held a public meeting in Middletown, participated in a telephone town hall with AARP members, met with a rehabilitation hospital in Monmouth County, and talked with hundreds of others individually and in groups. Interest about various policy issues remains high.

On Saturday, September 12, I will be hosting town hall meetings in Somerset and Tinton Falls. The Somerset meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the performing arts center of Franklin High School, which is located at 500 Elizabeth Avenue in Somerset. The Tinton Falls meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the performing arts center of Monmouth Regional High School, which is located at 1 Norman J. Field Way.

Doors will open 30 minutes before each meeting, and admittance will be based on a first come, first seated basis. If you cannot make it, feel free to [e-mail me](#) or call me at 1-87-RUSH-HOLT.

### **Visiting our Nation's Capital**

I encourage Americans to visit their capital city. If you are considering a trip to Washington, DC, I want you to know how I can help. A highlight of any visit to Washington, DC is a tour of the U.S. Capitol, a spectacular building, not just for its awe-inspiring art and architecture, but also for what it represents. My staff and I enjoy giving tours for groups of all sizes. Tours can be arranged from Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Requests for tours of the White House are accepted beginning six months and no later than one month in advance. There is great interest in White House tours this year, and the tours are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Slots are limited and the building is closed some days. Therefore I cannot guarantee that all tours will be granted. Although there is a possibility of arranging tours if I am contacted less than six months before you visit Washington, DC, the likelihood of a request being approved is better the earlier it is received. Tours are offered Tuesday to Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To request a [Capitol or White House tour](#), please contact Katy Rose Glickman of my office at (202) 225-5801.

### **Remembering United States Marine Corps Sgt. William J. Cahir**

Two days after [Ted Kennedy](#) was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, another great American was laid to rest in those hallowed grounds: United States

[Marine Corps Sgt. William J. Cahir](#)

of the 4th Civil Affairs Group (CAG), who was killed in action earlier this month in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. As a reporter for the Easton Express-Times, Bill frequently covered events in Central New Jersey. Bill was a skilled, diligent, and determined journalist – one of the best I've encountered.

Bill enlisted in the Marines at age 34 after the September 11, 2001 attacks, and he completed two tours in Iraq (from August 2004 to March 2005 and from September 2006 to April 2007). Cahir had deployed to Afghanistan this spring with the 4th CAG. He was determined to serve his country in its hour of need, and he did so with honor and distinction.

When I spoke with Bill in between his tours in Iraq, his insights and observations helped me understand what was happening on the ground in Al Anbar province and in the rest of the country. He also helped me understand the daily lives of our troops – their concerns, needs, and hopes. He was a great marine, a great son and husband, and a great friend and colleague. I hope his example of service will inspire others.

Sincerely,

RUSH HOLT  
Member of Congress

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