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John M. Dunn, President
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Representing the Midwestern common-sense of his Michigan district for the last 20 years, Fred Upton is one of the most active members of Congress working to ensure our nation is on a path toward a smaller, more efficient, more effective federal government.

First and foremost, Fred is a leader in and for all of Southwest Michigan. As such, he has left a distinct mark on our communities. He has secured tens of millions of dollars for his number one transportation priority in Congress, the widening of I-94 - a project which is now underway that will ease traffic congestion and improve safety. He has worked to deliver millions of dollars to local first responders, and authored the law that created a billion dollar program to improve the communications capabilities so that local first responders can communicate with one another during times of emergency. Fred is also a strong supporter of the region's institutions of higher learning.

While in Congress, Fred has also been a leading advocate for children. He coauthored dot kids legislation to create a kid friendly area on the Internet, safe from obscene material and child predators. Fred has also been working to clean up the public airwaves, writing the new law that raised the fines the FCC can levy for indecent material aired over broadcast TV and radio during the family hour.

In the House of Representatives, Fred is a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is currently the top Republican of the powerful Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, a critical position as the nation seeks to reduce its dependence on Mideast oil through a greater emphasis on nuclear power,

alternative fuels and advanced technologies. Fred also continues to play an active role on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet which has jurisdiction over newly emerging high-tech issues such as telemedicine, broadband deployment, and the wiring of America's classrooms for Internet technology - issues Fred believes are essential to continued economic growth in America.