

Hoyer says it's a 'celebration of freedom'

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Washington, DC – Congressman Steny Hoyer [D-MD District 5] is well known around Southern Maryland and around the district for the support he has given over the years to his constituents. Hoyer has been a huge supporter of programs at the Patuxent Naval Air Station, as well as, the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head.

Congressman Hoyer was asked to make a public statement about so many of his colleagues who were in protest of the inauguration. On Thursday, Jan. 19, he appeared on News Channel 8, to discuss the various protests and position many have taken over today Presidential Inauguration.

The highlights of Rep. Hoyer's interview can be found below:

"I think this is, as John Kennedy said, a celebration of freedom, not so much a celebration of a party or frankly a celebration of President-Elect Trump himself. So, in that vein, I have determined that I am going to attend tomorrow morning and I'll be interested to see what President Trump says, but I think we need to be there."

"The American people expect us all to work on their behalf. They expect us to try to work together to solve the problems that confront them, and the challenges of our country. We have a responsibility to do that. On the other hand, we have a great responsibility to represent the views of the majority of Americans who said that we were moving in the right direction and that they wanted to, for instance, keep the Affordable Care Act, which more and more Americans are saying they are favorably disposed to keeping. And certainly, not repealing it until there is a replacement that they can assess as being better or worse than the Affordable Care Act. So, from that standpoint, we have a responsibility to be there."

Here is a brief bio for Congressman Hoyer taken from his official [website](#).

In the Fifth Congressional District, Rep. Hoyer is a tireless fighter for economic development and a leader in creating jobs. He has helped create and save nearly 23,000 jobs by supporting federal facilities and associated businesses located in and around the Fifth District, including NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Patuxent River Naval Air Station, the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Indian Head, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, the FDA at White Oak, and the future NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction in College Park.

He also works hard to protect our natural resources. In addition to supporting every major piece of environmental legislation while in Congress, he has co-sponsored numerous bills to protect the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the "Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act." He secured more than \$10 million in the 1990s to respond to Pfiesteria and to study its effects on humans; helped secure more than \$400 million in the 2008 Farm Bill to enable farmers to implement environmental best practices and reduce runoff into the Chesapeake Bay; and championed the efforts to replenish the declining oyster population of the Bay and to restore the Potomac, Patuxent and St. Mary's rivers.

Congressman Hoyer works to meet the transportation needs of his constituents by securing funding to maintain and improve local roads, commuter bus systems, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). He also works to keep local communities and the Washington region safe by fighting to fully fund Community Oriented Policing Services, the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program, and upgrades for first responders' communications systems.

Congressman Hoyer is also dedicated to outstanding constituent service. At offices in Washington, DC, Greenbelt, and Waldorf, he and his staff help constituents cut through red tape and solve problems related to passports, immigration, government services, and a host of other issues.

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