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### Working to end Congressional gridlock

The 'Problem Solvers' is a bipartisan coalition aimed at breaking Congressional gridlock. "This is a positive step towards making Congress work again that is rooted in the Vermont tradition of civility, bipartisanship and practicality," Welch said. The group unveiled its legislative agenda to 'Make Government Work' which includes a Welch-authored energy efficiency initiative. [Read More.](#) Congressman Welch's bipartisan approach was also highlighted in BuzzFeed Politics: "[Meet Republicans' Favorite House Liberal](#)"

### Fighting to keep college affordable

Rep. Welch fought to keep student loan interest rates from doubling. He opposed the recent bill that makes these rates variable and eliminates subsidized Stafford loans. Rep. Welch believes that the late Vermont Senator Robert Stafford, whom these loans are named after, would be appalled by this change. [Read More.](#)

### Blocking U.S. intervention in Syria

Rep. Welch led a bipartisan coalition in Congress to demand that Congress step up to the plate and fulfill its constitutional responsibility on decisions of war. Rep. Welch's bill would have blocked U.S. military intervention in Syria without the support of Congress. Shirking its constitutional responsibility, House leadership refused to allow the amendment to be considered. [Read More.](#)

### Fighting for veterans by fixing a broken health records system

Rep. Welch was in Montpelier recently to announce a bipartisan bill that requires the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to better coordinate the transfer of soldiers' medical records as they transition from active-duty to veteran status. Veterans currently experience lengthy waiting periods to access VA benefits due to bureaucratic delays in the transfer of records between the two departments. We owe those veterans who have served our country the best health care and an efficient system to deliver benefits. [Read More.](#)

### Drones over America? Protecting americans' right to privacy

Rep. Peter Welch unveiled legislation that would require the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to inform Americans and protect their privacy as the agency issues operating licenses for unmanned aerial vehicles flying over the United States. The FAA estimates that 30,000 drones will be operating in the U.S. over the next 20 years. [Read More.](#)

### Looking back on the month of July

View Rep. Welch's July recap album on Facebook. [View here.](#)

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