

# Sweet 16

## **Congressman Buchanan's Legislation Signed into Law**

### **Buchanan's 16 Legislative Measures Enacted Since Coming to Congress**

1. Create a national database informing patients and doctors of safer alternatives to opioids for pain management. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Centralized Opioid Guidance Act* (H.R. 5777) and will be signed into law this month as part of the *SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act* (H.R. 6).
2. Increase funding by \$8 million to reduce the threat of red tide and other Harmful Algal Blooms. Buchanan's amendment adding the funds was signed into law in March 2018 as part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (H.R. 1625).
3. Ban the slaughter of horses in America for human consumption. Buchanan's amendment to block funding for horse slaughter facilities was signed into law in March 2018 as part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (H.R. 1625).
4. Reform foster care in the United States by providing \$1.5 billion to keep struggling families together, including those with babies born dependent on opioids. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Family First Prevention Services Act* (H.R. 253) and signed into law in February 2018 as a part of the *Bipartisan Budget Act* (H.R. 1892).
5. Provide aid to help orange growers replace trees damaged by citrus greening and natural disasters. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Emergency Citrus Disease Response Act* (H.R. 112) and was signed into law in December 2017 as part of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* (H.R. 1).
6. Create a federal clearinghouse of best practices to help people leave welfare and find jobs. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *What Works to Move Welfare Recipients into Jobs Act* (H.R. 2126) and signed into law in May 2017 as part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (H.R. 244).
7. Strengthen Medicare by preserving popular and affordable plans used by thousands of seniors in Buchanan's district and across the country. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Seniors Health Care Plan Protection Act* (H.R. 2506) and was signed into law in December 2016 as a part of the *21st Century Cures Act* (H.R. 34).
8. End taxpayer rip-offs in public housing by denying government assistance to millionaires and others with significant financial resources. Buchanan's *No Subsidized Housing for Millionaires* amendment was signed into law in July 2016 as part of the *Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act* (H.R. 3700).
9. Crack down on identity theft by safeguarding the Social Security numbers of more than 100 million workers. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Taxpayer Identity Protection Act* (H.R. 3568) and was signed into law in December 2015 as part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (H.R. 2029).

10. Allow millions of veterans across the country to receive a free official identification card from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Veterans Identification Card Act* (H.R. 91) and was signed into law in July 2015.
11. Provide \$5.6 million to dredge the flood-prone Wares Creek in Manatee County. This funding was signed into law in October 2009 as a part of the *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act* (H.R. 3183).
12. Secure \$2.3 million for dredging of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, construction projects at Manatee and Tampa harbors and beach renourishment at Sarasota's Lido Key and Manatee's Anna Maria Island. This funding was signed into law in October 2009 as a part of the *Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act* (H.R. 3183).
13. Provide resources and training to veterans hoping to become entrepreneurs and small business owners. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *SBA Veterans' Programs Act of 2007* (H.R. 2366) and was signed into law in February 2008 as part of the *Military Reservist and Veteran Small Business Reauthorization and Opportunity Act* (H.R. 4253).
14. Develop a health care tracking system to ensure injured soldiers receive continuous monitoring and treatment throughout their recovery. Buchanan's bill was introduced as the *Wounded Warriors Joint Health Care Patient Tracking Act* (H.R. 1579) and was signed into law in January 2008 as part of the *National Defense Authorization Act* (H.R. 4986).
15. Allocate \$27.8 million in federal funding to design and construct a national veterans cemetery in Sarasota. This funding was signed into law in December 2007 as part of the *Consolidated Appropriations Act* (H.R. 2764).
16. Secure \$1.7 million for beach renourishment in Manatee County. This funding was signed into law in November 2007 as a part of the *Water Resources Development Act* (H.R. 1495).