



Congressman Bud Cramer

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News From Washington

This month, the House approved legislation cosponsored by Representative Cramer that would provide funding to help local communities clean up former meth lab sites. Cramer said, "This bill will help us better understand the residual effects from the manufacture of meth, and ensure we are doing everything possible to clean these former lab sites to make them safe for families." [\[more\]](#)

Representative Cramer also cosponsored legislation approved this month that provides relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), extends small business expensing deductions, and reforms unincorporated family-owned small businesses' taxes. [\[more\]](#)

Also this month, Representative Cramer, Arkansas Senator Blanche Lincoln, and Ohio Representative Steve Chabot discussed international child safety issues with British Minister of Parliament Gerry Sutcliffe, the Under Secretary of State for Criminal Justice and Offender Management. Minister Sutcliffe visited Washington to ask key members of the House and Senate Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucuses for suggestions on improving the oversight of sex offenders in British communities. [\[more\]](#)

Representative Cramer voted this month to approve legislation to help the country prepare for the manufacture, storage, and transport of biofuels. Cramer said after the vote, "As we prepare for the establishment of new ethanol manufacturing facilities across the country, we must ensure this new source of fuel is compatible with existing pipelines and storage units." [\[more\]](#)

Representative Cramer Wins Silver Mouse Award!



The Congressional Management Foundation (CMF), a non-profit, non-partisan management consulting and research organization, recently completed its review of congressional websites, including all House and Senate members, committees (both majority and minority), and official leadership sites. Out of the 615 websites CMF graded, only 85 received an award. **Representative Cramer's site received an "A" grade, earning it a Silver Mouse Award!** [\[more\]](#)

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News From Across The 5th District

During a news conference at Ivy Green this month, Representative Cramer announced that he had re-introduced legislation to declare the Muscle Shoals region a “National Heritage Area.” [\[more\]](#)

Also this month, Representative Bud Cramer met with farmers from Limestone and Madison Counties to receive input on how Congress can strengthen the nation’s family farms and farm communities. Cramer told farmers that one of Congress’ top priorities this year is the reauthorization of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act. This legislation, better known as the Farm Bill, will expire at the end of September. [\[more\]](#)

Representative Cramer also joined Cathy Anderson and Madison County Commissioner Dale Strong this month to officially dedicate the new Monrovia Public Library and Woody Anderson Learning Center. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative Cramer was able to secure \$100,000 in the Fiscal Year 2004 Consolidated Appropriations Act for the construction of the library facility. [\[more\]](#)

Cramer Helps Unveil New Tool Against Child Abuse: www.Netsmartz411.Org



Pictured above, Representative Cramer, co-chairman of the House Missing and Exploited Children’s Caucus, joined officials from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the Qwest Foundation to officially announce the creation of a new interactive website designed to better inform parents, educators, and children about the dangers of the internet. [\[more\]](#)

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