

Below is my statement, as prepared for delivery, regarding a proposal to make it easier to carry a concealed weapon. Click below to watch my remarks delivered on the House Floor:

**Floor Statement**

**Conceal Carry Legislation**

**November 15, 2011**

M./ Speaker,

When will the Republican Majority introduce legislation to protect victims of gun crimes? When will they stand up for Judge John Roll and Christina Taylor-Green- innocent victims whose lives were claimed in Tucson last January?

When will the Republican Majority re-instate the automatic weapons ban, and simply outlaw guns so powerful that they serve no purpose in a civilized society?

When will the Republican Majority allow federal authorities to computerize gun sale records, so it is easier to hold guilty individuals responsible for their gun crimes?

In the age of iPhones and Androids, our police are tracing gun crimes with scraps of paper and hand written notes. Surely this is more important than today's legislation.

Apparently, the Republican Majority disagrees. Based upon today's bill, they seem to think that it is more important to pass legislation that will make it easier to carry a gun to a public gathering, easier to carry a loaded weapon into NFL stadiums, easier to carry a gun to the grocery store on a Saturday afternoon.

The horrible shooting of our colleague wouldn't have been stopped with passage of today's bill. No one is made safer by allowing guns into public space.

Since last January, this Congress hasn't considered a single piece of legislation that would make it harder for a mentally ill individual to get a gun. We have done NOTHING, at all, to make sure that another nightmare doesn't visit our country, leaving innocent children victims of a loaded gun.

The only piece of gun control legislation we are considering this Congress will make it **more** convenient to carry your gun in public. Realizing this fact really brings the morality of this agenda into perspective.

This Congress should be considering legislation that will help the American people- not legislation that fulfills their ideological agenda. I urge my colleagues to vigorously oppose today's legislation and I yield back the balance of my time.