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Dear Friend,

This week was marked with the welcome news of the death of Osama bin Laden, the mastermind behind the vicious 9/11 attacks. While his death is welcome news, it does not mean that we have triumphed over the ideology of hatred he espoused, nor over those who would seek to use violence in its advancement. To those who would seek to do us harm, the death of Bin Laden is a stark reminder that we will not rest in our quest to bring them to justice.

The bravery and dedication of our men and women in uniform and in our intelligence services is an inspiration to all Americans, and I am grateful for all that they do.

Gas Prices

I returned to Washington, D.C. on Monday after a very productive two week constituent work period. While I was back in the 14th District I had the opportunity to tour a variety of local businesses and speak with a great number of you about important federal issues at three different town hall meetings. I've always said that my most important work is done when I'm back in the district, and it has always been my pledge to be accessible to you and to listen to your concerns.

At my town hall meetings, many of you expressed your concerns over the dramatic increase in gas prices. Locally, gas prices have surged well passed the \$4/gallon mark, and some experts believe that \$5/gallon gas is on its way.

It frustrates me that Congress has long been reactive about gas prices, instead of proactive. That is why I'm hopeful that we can move forward in the coming months with a strong national energy policy. We must look to the future of energy in this country, but also keep in mind that our dependency on oil and fossil fuels will not immediately vanish. That is why we need to utilize all of our domestic resources in a responsible, careful manner. Doing this will truly lessen our dependency on foreign oil, providing stability to the cost of gasoline and other sources of energy.

It's helpful to me and my staff to know how the increased gas prices are impacting you. Please contact any of my offices to share your story.

As always, it's an honor to serve you in Washington. Please contact me at 630.232.7104 or 202.225.2976 if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress

Pictures of the Week

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit The Sidwell Company in St. Charles. Here's a picture of me testing out their 3-D software.

**How are gas prices impacting you and your family?**

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I also spent an afternoon at HC Storm Elementary School in Batavia to learn about the Fit for Kids Initiative.



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