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Dear Friend,

The last two weeks in Congress have seen a flurry of activity. Leading up to Memorial Day, the House focused on a number of bills to assist our nation's veterans, including legislation to restore fairness to the GI Bill and to increase compensation to veterans with service-connected disabilities. That same week, we had the privilege of welcoming the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel, to a joint session of Congress.

This week, the House began work on the process of passing appropriations legislation for the 2012 fiscal year, which begins on October 1. Appropriations legislation designates how your hard-earned tax dollars will be spent, and I will work diligently to ensure that they were spent wisely. This week, our focus was on the appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security. In debating this bill, we adopted the first open rule for an appropriations bill since 2007; what this means is that any House member was allowed to offer an amendment to the bill. As a result, the process of passing the bill was longer, but also more transparent and democratic. I was pleased that leadership decided to go this route, and enjoyed the vigorous debate. During the debate, I supported two amendments that sought to prevent the Transportation Security Administration from using funds to purchase the invasive scanners you may have seen at our nation's airports; while these amendments unfortunately failed, I supported them in an effort to support your tax dollars and privacy.

In this week's e-newsletter, you'll find my reaction to the May unemployment report and our vote to oppose increasing the debt ceiling; who from the 14th Congressional District participated in the the Scripps National Spelling Bee; and important information on mobile office hours where you can get help from my staff with federal agencies.

As always, it is truly an honor to serve you in Washington. Please contact me at 630.232.7104 or 202.225.2976 if I can be of assistance, or if you'd like to share your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

In service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress

P.S. - Make sure to follow my official accounts on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates from Washington and in the 14th District.

May Unemployment Report

On Friday, we received a disappointing report from the the Bureau of Labor Statistics on the May Unemployment figures. The report stated that only 54,000 jobs were created in May, the fewest jobs created in more than eight months, and unemployment increased to 9.1 percent.

This report serves as stark reminder that the Administration's policies of spending, borrowing, taxing, and regulating are deterring American job creators and holding back our economy. Instilling confidence in our economy and putting Americans back to work requires meaningful spending cuts, confidence that taxes will remain low and regulations sane, and an end to the borrowing spree that endangers our future.

"Clean" Debt Ceiling Hike

On Tuesday, the House overwhelmingly rejected a bill to increase the nation's debt ceiling. The vote sends a clear message to the Senate and Administration that the House will not acquiesce to the old business-as-usual practice of raising the debt ceiling as a matter of course.

The legislation, H.R. 1954, would have implemented the President's request for Congress to increase the statutory limit on public debt; the limit would have been raised by \$2.4 trillion. The bill failed by a vote of 97-318-7.

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Tam Nguyen, a seventh grader from St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School, competed in the The Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC this week. Congratulations to Tam for representing the 14th Congressional District in this academic challenge and I wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors.



Mobile Office Hours

Staff from my district office will be available to assist constituents with individual concerns at the following scheduled mobile office hours:

Tuesday, June 14

Orion Village Hall
1202 4th Street
Orion, IL
10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Cambridge Village Hall
132 W Center
Cambridge, IL
11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

For more information on these mobile office hours, please call my office in Dixon at 815.288.1174

Photo of the Week

Two weeks ago I had the opportunity to meet with the Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel.



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