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Dear Friend,

Today marks one year since President Obama promised us a "Recovery Summer." What we've seen instead is that more than 280,000 Americans have lost their jobs over the past year; unemployment has surpassed 8 percent for 28 straight months; and real annual GDP growth under President Obama is the worst since the Great Depression.

Today's Illinois jobs report shows more of the same – unemployment hovering around 9 percent, as it has since February of 2009. That is unacceptable, and it's clear that President Obama's policies of massive borrowing, wasteful spending, and anti-growth tax hikes have clearly failed. No wonder the American people are losing faith in the economy, and in President Obama's leadership.

What's frustrating is that it doesn't have to be this way – there are alternatives. For almost six months now, I've worked tirelessly with my colleagues in the House of Representative to enact pro-growth, pro-jobs policies that will put Americans back to work and get our economy moving again.

There has been some progress: we've begun to cut spending, and repealed the onerous 1099 provision from the President's health care law that threatened our small businesses with an avalanche of red tape. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats have stalled some of our other pro-growth initiatives, such as expanding domestic energy production; enacting further spending cuts; and repealing the entirety of the President's health care law. But I'm keeping the faith and will continue to work tirelessly to keep my promises to you – to cut spending, reduce the size of government, and return the United States to fiscal health.

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. And remember to follow me on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for the most up-to-date information from Washington.

In service,

Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress

**In Washington This Week:**

Yesterday, after 25 hours of debate and almost 40 amendments considered, the House passed the Fiscal Year 2012 appropriations bill for the Department of Agriculture. Appropriations bills determine how your money is spent, and I consider them to be some of the most important legislation we work on. While the bill was not perfect, I supported it because it reduced spending to pre-stimulus levels and cut billions of dollars, while also ensuring the continued health of our agricultural economy.

Earlier in the week, we passed another appropriations bill to fund military construction projects and the Department of Veterans Affairs. During consideration of the bill, I voted to prohibit funds from being used to force contractors to enter into Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) with labor unions on large-scale projects. My position on this issue is based on my belief that PLAs discriminate against non-union contractors and drive up costs.

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Paw Paw Public Library  
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Paw Paw, IL  
12:00 P. M. to 1:00 P.M.

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