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Dear friend,

America's job creators are buried under an avalanche of red tape, and regulatory burdens alone have a price tag of around \$1.75 trillion annually. Compliance with these burdensome regulations leads to higher consumer costs, reduced wages, and even reduced hiring.

The REINS Act, approved by the House last week, is a commonsense bill that requires Congress to approve every new major regulation proposed by the executive branch. This will ensure that Congress, not unelected bureaucrats, retains control and accountability for the content of the laws facing the American people.

Unless we have the courage to act decisively, unchecked regulators will only grow stronger and make things more complicated and costly for all Americans. Just like the nearly thirty other pro-growth, pro-jobs bills passed by the House so far this year, the REINS Act will give our job creators the certainty they need to grow, expand and put Americans back to work.

Also last week, I joined U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (IL-11) at a press conference in Chicago to introduce a new jobs initiative called *One More Job*.

Over the next three months, the freshman Republican Congressmen from Illinois will be reaching out to small business owners to find out what it will take for them to create just one more job. We will compile all of the responses we receive and deliver them to directly to President Obama and leadership in the Senate to show them exactly what they can do to enable the private sector to create thousands of new jobs right here in Illinois

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on [Twitter](#), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

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

### Hultgren Legislation Subject Of House Committee Hearing

Legislation I introduced earlier this year, H.R. 2090, the Energy Critical Elements Act of 2011, was the subject of a hearing in the Energy & Environment Subcommittee of the Science, Space & Technology Committee last week in Washington.

The legislation addresses energy critical elements in a commonsense, market-oriented way. These elements are intrinsically rare in distribution and the economics of their production as well as geopolitics leads to uncertain supply, yet they are vital to the modern world.

In the wake of taxpayer-funded boondoggles like Solyndra, it's clear that the way forward shouldn't be loan guarantees that enable the private sector to gamble with the American public's money. Instead, the "triad" apparatus in this legislation takes a market-based approach that will enhance the supply of these elements for both academia and industry while protecting American taxpayers.

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### Coming Up in Washington

[H.R. 3421](#)- Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act (Sponsored by Rep. Bill Shuster / Financial Services Committee)

[H.R. 886](#)- United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act(Sponsored by Rep. Steve Womack / Financial Services Committee)

[H.R. 1905](#) - Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011 (Sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen / Foreign Affairs Committee)

[H.R. 2105](#) - Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act of 2011(Sponsored by Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen / Foreign Affairs Committee)

[H.Res. 306](#) - Urging the Republic of Turkey to Safeguard Its Christian Heritage and to Return Confiscated Church Properties (Sponsored by Rep. Ed Royce / Foreign Affairs Committee)

[H.Res. 376](#) - Calling for the repatriation of POW/MIAs and abductees from the Korean War(Sponsored by Rep. Charlie Rangel / Foreign Affairs Committee)

[H.R. 2719](#) - Rattlesnake Mountain Public Access Act of 2011 (Sponsored by Rep. Doc Hastings / Natural Resources Committee)

[H.R. 443](#) - To provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska (Sponsored by Rep. Don Young / Natural Resources Committee)

[S. 278](#) - Sugar Loaf Fire Protection District Land Exchange Act (Sponsored by Sen. Mark Udall / Natural Resources Committee)

[H.R. 313](#) - Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act of 2011 (Sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith / Judiciary Committee)

[H.R. 3060](#) - Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011 (Subject to a Rule) (Sponsored by Rep. Dave Camp)

### Randy in the News

[Roskam, Hultgren, Kinzinger Support Legislation to REIN-in Excessive Regulations on Job Creators](#)

[Illinois freshmen ask small business owners how to create jobs](#)

[Area politicians say message is clear in Blago sentencing](#)

[Lawmakers hope to ban manure from hazardous waste list](#)

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