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Dear Friend,

On Thursday, the House once again fulfilled its Constitutional duty to the American people, and passed a budget for the federal government. This budget – the Path to Prosperity – cuts spending, shrinks the federal government, gets Americans back to work, and begins the long-overdue process of reforming our byzantine tax code, all while protecting seniors, veterans, and those struggling to make ends meet.

I was proud to support this budget proposal, because with a national debt of more than \$15 trillion, and unemployment stuck above 8 percent for more than three straight years, it's clear that the Washington policies of borrowing, spending, and taxing have failed. The Path to Prosperity also strengthens Medicare, securing its promise for future generations while protecting today's seniors; without these reforms, Medicare will be bankrupt within a few short decades.

The Path to Prosperity now goes to the Senate for their consideration. I hope that they take it up quickly and pass it, but since it has been more than 1,000 days since they last passed a budget, I won't be holding my breath.

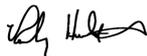
In other news this week, Congress finally passed the JOBS Act, a bipartisan bill to help our small businesses get access to the capital they need to hire and expand. The JOBS Act, which has the support of President Obama, is now headed to his desk for his signature, and will soon become the law of the land.

Finally, as you may know, the Supreme Court this week heard oral arguments regarding the constitutionality of the President's health care law. Based on those arguments, I'm hopeful that justices will find at least the individual mandate – if not the entire law – to be unconstitutional.

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](tel:630.232.7104) or [202.225.2976](tel: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

**In Committee This Week: Hultgren On The International Space Station**

*This week in the Science, Space & Technology Committee, I participated in a hearing on the future of the International Space Station. We reviewed NASA's plans for conducting research on the station, an incredible platform for innovative research that can be conducted only in space. Click [here](#) or on the image above to watch the video.*

**Randy In The News:***The Hawk Eye - ["Producers Push For Five-Year Bill"](#)**Northwest Herald - ["Conservative Justices Question Insurance Mandate"](#)*



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