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Dear Friends,

This week, CBS News reported that at least 2 million Americans have been notified by their insurers that they will not be able to keep their health plan after this year—and that's just the "tip of the iceberg."

In 2009, President Obama repeatedly promised: "If you like your health care plan, you'll be able to keep your health care plan, period. No one will take it away, no matter what." But under Obamacare, we've found that just isn't the case.

Just this week, a constituent of mine told me she received a letter from her insurer informing her that not only would her family of five lose their current plan by the end of the year, but they would be charged at least \$370 more per month—for less coverage.

The President's health care law was supposed to be about choice. But when a family who likes their current health plan has to lose it, that's not a choice. When someone who doesn't have any kids is forced to pay more to cover pediatric care, that's not a choice.

No one should be coerced into buying a new plan that costs more and either covers less or covers procedures they don't need or want.

That's why I have co-sponsored the Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013, H.R. 3350, to protect Americans whose plans have been canceled as a result of the healthcare law. This will allow insurance companies to keep offering the plans their customers want.

[Most importantly, the bill ensures Americans who keep their current health plans will not face the Obamacare tax penalty.](#)

If the President won't keep his promise to Americans, I will.

Are you losing your health insurance? I want to hear about it: <https://hultgrenforms.house.gov/email-me>.

Boosting Illinois' Economy through Waterway Reform

Since our founding, our nation's harbors, rivers, ports, locks and dams have been essential to exporting our resources to the world and expanding our economy.

In Illinois, waterways like the Mississippi and ports like the Port of Chicago support more than 48,000 jobs and directly contribute \$6.4 billion to our state's economy. Of the country's \$1.4 trillion worth of goods that are transported via water each year, \$81 billion of manufactured goods, \$37 billion in agricultural and food products and \$18 billion in chemicals travel through Illinois' ports and waterways.

Unfortunately, the current waterway improvement approval process costs time and money and delays much-needed projects.

To address bureaucratic red tape and update our infrastructure, I voted for the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013, H.R. 3080, which passed the House in an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 417 to 3.

The bill doesn't grow the size of government and is fiscally responsible, containing zero earmarks and de-authorizing \$12 billion of old, inactive projects.

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Water resources infrastructure is vital to a healthy economy and job growth in Illinois. These reforms help our nation maintain its competitive edge in the world, and a strong infrastructure at home.

Bill will Help Farmers and Manufacturers Plan Ahead in Uncertainty

On Wednesday, I was pleased the House voted 292 to 122 to pass H.R. 992, the Swaps Regulatory Improvement Act, a bipartisan bill I introduced which helps job creators in Illinois and nationwide.

When times get tough for farmers and manufacturers—when oil prices spike or corn prices plummet—they rely on financial products like swaps to weather the uncertainty.

But new Dodd-Frank regulations rushed through that supposedly targeted Wall Street had the unintended consequence of limiting the options of farmers and manufacturers who regularly use these products to plan ahead.

These Main Street customers rely on their long-standing relationships with trusted financial institutions. My bill helps them maintain those trusted relationships and protects them from riskier trades with less stable and less regulated institutions. Above all, it would keep costs down for these customers so they can hire more workers and grow jobs in Illinois.

Manufacturers and farmers should have reliable and affordable access to the financial products they rely on to deal with volatile prices in energy and raw materials.

I am pleased the House voted in a bipartisan manner to pass this bill on behalf of Main Street and look forward to quick action in the Senate.

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

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