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Dear Friends,

Millions of Americans, many of them in the 14th District, have received cancellation notices in the mail from their health providers as a result of Obamacare's regulations, and many others fear they are next. The President this past week finally conceded that he broke his promise to Americans that they could keep their health care, but we reject his 'fix-of-the-day' approach. Only legislative solutions—not limited, politically-motivated fixes—can reverse the damage of his broken promises.

On Friday, I voted with the House to pass the Keep Your Health Plan Act of 2013, H.R. 3350, to ensure Americans who like their current health plans will be able to keep them, and ensure they will not face a penalty for doing so under the President's healthcare law.

The administration has already made more than 250 other fixes, without going through Congress, because of how quickly and sloppily the law was rushed through. We cannot keep relying on administrative band-aids. We must make sure the President's promises are kept in law.

Protecting Americans from Frivolous Lawsuits

Americans victimized by meritless lawsuits in many cases suffer real-life consequences of lost sleep, time and money. They need relief from costly litigation, and lawyers should be held accountable for filing frivolous and abusive lawsuits.

This past week the House voted to pass H.R. 2655, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act (LARA), which will help protect Americans from baseless, frivolous lawsuits. It ensures judges impose sanctions on attorneys who file these lawsuits, and ensures the victims can be compensated, including their own attorneys' fees. Lawyers on the hunt should be discouraged from costing victims thousands of dollars in legal expenses over a baseless lawsuit.

In the Illinois state house, we worked to implement tort reform and cut down on predatory and costly litigation that clogs our legal system and hurts Americans. I am grateful the U.S. House acted to protect American individuals and businesses.

Municipal Finance Roundtable

America's infrastructure gets consistently low marks across the board as our bridges, roads and public buildings deteriorate and decay. But in Illinois, our cities and towns rely on municipal bonds to expand and refit facilities, like schools and hospitals. They are a key to reviving our country's tired and worn infrastructure.

At its heart, a municipal bond preserves federalism by allowing local communities to raise their own funds tax-free and carry out their own improvements without the help or intrusion of the federal government.

Communities can invest locally, gain locally and prosper locally.

Earlier this month, I hosted a municipal finance roundtable at the University of Illinois at Chicago featuring a diverse cross-section of bond issuers and investors.

As a lawmaker, I wanted to hear from participants in the municipal finance world so we can figure out how best to ensure we maintain the availability and accessibility of municipal bonds for our communities. It was also important to find out how local communities are affected by recent bond and credit

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downgrades.

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, I've made defending municipal finance a priority, and I will continue to protect this lifeline to our cities and towns.

Now Accepting Intern Applications

My offices in Washington, DC and Geneva, IL are now accepting applications for spring 2014 semester.

Applicants should be college students or recent graduates, and will assist staff with constituent relations, policy and outreach efforts. Many duties will be administrative in nature, but interns may also be asked to accompany me at meetings in the district or assist my legislative staff in Washington.

The position is unpaid and will run approximately from January to May. Academic credit may be available and schedules can be flexible for those with classes or other obligations. Applicants from the 14th District are preferred.

Applicants should email a resume, cover letter and writing sample to email.randy@mail.house.gov and specify which office.

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.

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

In Your Service,



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