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December 6, 2013

Dear Friends,

Small businesses employ millions of Americans, fueling our recovering economy by expanding and hiring workers. On Small Business Saturday this past weekend, I was encouraged to visit our hard-working local businesses in the 14th District. But business owners from Gurnee to Geneva tell me they are still burdened by federal regulations and overreach.

This week, the House passed a bill I co-sponsored aimed at freeing up capital for small businesses. Additionally, I co-sponsored two more pieces of legislation to relieve the heavy burdens placed on small businesses by the IRS so they have the ability to hire more workers.

- **Voted for passage (254 to 159) of H.R. 1105, Small Business Capital Access and Job Preservation Act.** Illinois has greatly benefitted from private capital. More than \$200 billion has been invested into local companies and small businesses which have grown jobs 3.5 times faster than others. This bill reduces costs for private equity firms, allowing for increased investment into Illinois' small businesses. Freeing up private equity firms to invest will get much-needed capital off the sidelines and directly into the hands of our job creators.
- **Co-sponsored H.R. 3169, IRS Rulemaking Fairness Act of 2013.** Small businesses should be focused on innovating and expanding, not dealing with confusing and harmful regulations. Currently, the IRS is the only agency not required to report on the impact a proposed rule would have on small businesses. H.R. 3169 would add the IRS to the list of agencies required to certify that a proposed rule will not have significant negative impacts on small businesses, ensuring that the IRS considers their interests during the rulemaking process.
- **Co-sponsored H.R. 3479, Small Business Taxpayer Bill of Rights Act of 2013.** Disputes over the IRS' complex and confusing tax system can be costly to small businesses attempting to comply. H.R. 3479 would protect businesses from abusive IRS claims and hold the agency more accountable to taxpayers.

Federal Disaster Assistance for Tornado Victims

The dozens of tornadoes that touched down across Illinois wreaked havoc on a large scale, taking a toll on our neighbors and friends. To complement the outpouring of private support already at work, I joined the entire Illinois Congressional Delegation in asking President Obama to issue a major disaster declaration for Illinois and to provide relief to the fifteen Central and Southern counties affected by the storms. In response to our letter, he issued a major disaster declaration, allowing affected areas like Will County to apply for federal reimbursements to help pay for storm damage repair.

Merry Christmas to the Troops

Many of our soldiers overseas will be away from their families during Christmas this year. Along with other Members of Congress, I filmed a holiday video message which will be shown to service members and their families in more than 170 countries via the American Forces Network (AFN). We appreciate the sacrifices they make on a daily basis guarding and protecting our liberty. We pray for their safe return and for peace to reign over the earth.



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Go Bulldogs!

Our own Batavia High School Bulldogs Football Team won their first-ever state championship on Saturday. Click [here](#) to watch a floor speech I gave congratulating the team.

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,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
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Randy in the News

Oswego Patch: [Rep. Hultgren Encourages Donations for Tornado Relief](#)

Geneva Patch: [Hultgren Urges Long-Term Fix to Outdated Medicare Payment Formula](#)

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