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May 25, 2014

Dear Friends,

This Memorial Day, we offer our deepest gratitude to those who have selflessly dedicated their lives protecting our freedom. But I have become increasingly disturbed at the unfolding scandal surrounding the Department of Veterans Affairs and the care their hospitals are required by law to provide to our nation's veterans. It's possible that as many as 40 veterans have died while waiting *months* for the care they needed and deserved.

**That the brave men and women who have served our country may have died because someone was safeguarding their Christmas bonus and angling for a promotion is outrageous and criminal.**

But we need action now for our veterans on the waiting list. That's why I want to hear from all of our veterans living in the 14th District.

*Please watch my video below for more information.*



(Click picture to watch video)

This week, I supported passage of **H.R. 4031, the Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act of 2014**, which authorizes the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to quickly remove senior executives if poor performance warrants it. The bill passed the House with a vote of 390-33.

Previously, I cosponsored **H.R. 241, the Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act**, to ensure veterans can get access to care within 30 days of original contact with the VA, as well as **H.R. 2189** which would establish a task force to examine the backlog of disability claims at the VA.

**I look forward to presenting a flag to the wife of Lt. Col. William Robert Holstine, who passed away this year, at Kane County's Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday. I will also be participating in the Wauconda Memorial Day Parade, and I hope to see you there.**

#### [Introducing Legislation to Stop Human Trafficking](#)

Along with voting for passage of a series of bills aimed at combating the scourge of human trafficking, this week, I was pleased to introduce a bill (H.R. 4703) targeting government-sanctioned prostitution as a major factor contributing to the prevalence of sex slavery. A national government that tolerates prostitution tolerates sex slavery—they go hand in hand, and we must hold them accountable for paying lip service to combating trafficking but winking at one of its root causes.

Please [click here](#) for more information on my bill and the well-documented connection between prostitution and sex trafficking.

#### [Funding our Troops, Ensuring Waterway Reform](#)

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This week, the House was busy passing several bipartisan pieces of legislation, including:

· **H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014.** 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. The bill, now passed through the House and Senate, strengthens water transportation infrastructure, streamlines the project delivery and authorization process, improves water infrastructure safety, and promotes fiscal responsibility by deauthorizing \$18 billion worth of old and inactive projects. WRRDA contains no earmarks and makes major reforms to increase transparency and accountability.

· **H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act.** H.R. 3361 ends the bulk collection of Americans' records under Section 215 of the Patriot Act, the FISA pen register, trap and trace statute and the National Security Letter statute. It creates a new, narrowly-tailored authority for the collection of call records and imposes new limitations and safeguards to protect civil liberties, while preserving national security capabilities.

· **H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY 2015.** H.R. 4435 authorizes and prioritizes funding for the Department of Defense (DoD) and other select national security programs within the Department of Energy for FY 2015. The bill authorizes a \$521.3 billion topline for base national defense programs, which includes \$7.9 billion in mandatory defense spending and \$513.4 billion in discretionary spending. Additionally, the bill authorizes \$79.4 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). H.R. 4435 is consistent with the House budget, H.Con.Res. 96, which passed on April 10, 2014, and reflects the \$22 billion in partial sequester relief that was enacted in the Ryan-Murray bipartisan budget agreement.

· The House passed **five bills to address the issue of anti-trafficking:**

· H.R. 3530, the *Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act*.

· H.R. 3610, the *Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking Act*.

· H.R. 4225, the *Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act of 2014*.

· H.R. 4058, the *Preventing Sex Trafficking and Improving Opportunities for Youth in Foster Care Act*.

· H.R. 4573, the *International Megan's Law to Prevent Demand for Child Sex Trafficking*.

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  
14th District, Illinois

[Randy in the News](#)

DeKalb Daily Chronicle (op-ed): [Hultgren: Government must switch to zero-based budgeting](#)

Kane County Chronicle (letter to the editor): [Letter: Concerns about Common Core](#)

LifeSiteNews: [Bill would punish countries that legalize prostitution for driving human trafficking and sex slavery](#)

McHenry County Blog: [Hultgren Meets Constituents in McHenry & Lake Counties](#)

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9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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