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News from Representative Randy Hultgren



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[Encouraging Career-Minded Students on National Manufacturing Day](#)

On Friday I celebrated Manufacturing Day with seniors from Mooseheart Child City and School and employees at Scot Forge manufacturing plant and headquarters in Spring Grove. There, the students and I met with executives from the company, saw their work first-hand, and learned about the exciting careers available in manufacturing.



(Rep. Hultgren meets with Mooseheart students at Scot Forge)

Contrary to some misinformation out there, manufacturing careers have strong opportunities for advancement and boast competitive salaries. According to the National Association of Manufacturers there were 579,600 manufacturing employees in Illinois in 2014, with an average annual compensation of \$78,971 in 2013.

As we visited one of our district's great employers, I could see how these high school seniors' eyes lit up at the opportunities they didn't know were available to them in manufacturing. We need to expose even more students to STEM fields as they plan their futures.

Parents are the key drivers in getting their kids excited about the world and career possibilities, yet many are misinformed about manufacturing. There are tremendous opportunities for advancement and income growth. I hope the students excited about today's visit can go back home and get their classmates and parents excited about manufacturing careers.

Helping Victims of Human Trafficking

I was pleased residents from Gurnee and the surrounding areas attended my forum on human trafficking to learn how to reintegrate survivors of this horrible crime back into our communities. Please read the stories below for more on what was discussed.

[Hultgren forum in Gurnee stresses needs of trafficking victims](#) (Daily Herald)

[Human trafficking forum calls for victim services in the suburbs](#) (Lake County News-Sun)

[Gurnee forum sheds light on human trafficking](#) (Lake County Journal)

Pope Francis Roundup

In his address to Congress Pope Francis brought the inspiring message of 'hope and healing, of peace and justice' to America and its representatives. From his servant's heart he called all of us to care for the poor, the sick, and everyone at all stages of life. Throughout his speech, he talked about America as a land of opportunity. We need to take up his call to make sure it remains a place for everyone to succeed.

I was most struck by his emphasis on the family, the building block of our society and our great nation. Meeting families who traveled to Washington from the 14th District to see the Pope was inspiring. I was humbled my office was able to provide tickets for the papal address.

Click on the stories below to read all about it:

[Chicago area priests inspired by Pope Francis' speech to Congress](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

[Illinois residents witness Pope Francis speech to Congress](#) (Chicago Tribune)

[Kane County Catholics to see Pope Francis at Capitol](#) (Kane County Chronicle)

[Local congressmen embrace pope's message](#) (Kane County Chronicle)

[Mass appeal: Area residents heading to see Pope Francis](#) (Naperville Sun)

[McHenry County Catholics journey to see Pope Francis in first U.S. visit](#) (Northwest Herald)

[Pope Francis hailed for transcending liberal/conservative divide](#) (EWTN News/CNA)

[Pope Francis to address congress on Thursday](#) (Fox 32 Chicago)

[Seeing the pope 'something special' for suburban Catholics](#) (Daily Herald)

Fighting Religious Persecution by ISIS

As the Middle East continues to be in a state of turmoil, [I spoke with the Wall Street Journal this week](#) about the need for Congress and the Administration to act to save a number of religious minorities targeted for annihilation by ISIS.

One solution I have cosponsored is [H.R. 1568, the Protecting Religious](#)

[Minorities Persecuted by ISIS Act of 2015](#), which would require the secretary of state to report to Congress a plan to expedite the processing of refugee admissions applications for religious minorities threatened with extinction by ISIS.

Read the *Wall Street Journal* piece here: <http://hultgren.house.gov/newsroom/in-the-news/saving-christians-from-isis-persecution>.

Additional Legislative Update

Here are some additional actions I've taken in Congress on behalf of the 14th District:

Co-sponsored H.R. 3220, the Medicare Common Access Card Act of 2015, requiring Medicare to pilot smart card technology to reduce fraud in the program often facilitated by unsafe paper cards. Advancing technology in health care is critically important to improving quality, expanding access, preventing fraud and abuse, and reducing costs across the Medicare program and the larger U.S. health care system.

Opposed House passage of a short-term bill funding the government through December. I opposed this legislation because Congress failed to do its job of cutting spending to fight our ballooning national debt, and yet again has ceded more authority to the executive branch to act completely independently without the input of the representatives of the American people. This short-term spending bill fails in our congressional responsibility to conduct proper oversight and pass bills to properly fund the government. I was also disappointed the House failed to stop sending taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood which has engaged in horrific practices and possibly in the trafficking of human body parts. The House and Senate must come together, do the rigorous work of reviewing taxpayer-funded programs to determine their usefulness, and stand up for Americans wanting real leadership in Washington.

Supported Financial Services Committee passage of a bill I cosponsored, H.R. 1090, the Retail Protection Investor Act. The bill protects retail financial planners and their customers from a planned Department of Labor rule which restricts choice and shows a lack of trust in American consumers. I have consistently urged the DOL to reconsider and change course. Democrats agree, which is why they have filed similar objections to the rule.

Supported House passage of the National Defense Authorization Act

for Fiscal Year 2016 which authorizes the necessary funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) so service men and women have the tools and resources they need to defend the nation. As the world grows more dangerous and uncertain, this legislation ensures our nation's armed forces are agile, efficient, and ready. It provides care for our service men and women, and their families, through retirement plan access, housing assistance, and improved childcare access.

Voted with the House to pass three pro-life pieces of legislation:

- **H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act of 2015**, a bill I cosponsored which provides for a one-year moratorium on all federal funding while the organization's activities are investigated.
- **H.R. 3495, the Women's Public Health and Safety Act**, which provides state governments with flexibility to choose to only include in a state's Medicaid program health care providers who do not perform, or participate in the performance of, elective abortions. Given the appalling activities revealed to be occurring at Planned Parenthood clinics, states should have the option to direct tax dollars away from abortion providers like Planned Parenthood and toward comprehensive health care providers.
- **H.R. 3504, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act**, which would make failure to provide standard medical care to children born alive during an abortion a federal crime. It would also apply stronger penalties in cases where an overt act is taken to kill the abortion survivor. There is also a civil right of action for mothers of children who survive an abortion to hold the abortion provider accountable.

Apply! Apply! Apply!

Here are two great opportunities for local high school and college students.

- [Click here apply for an internship in my Campton Hills or Washington office.](#)
- [Click here to apply for a congressional nomination to one of our nation's service academies.](#) Deadline is October 30.

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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Randy in the News

[Ax the Tax on Middle Class Americans' Health Plans Act draws Dem support](#) (DuPage Policy Journal)

[Boehner writes his own ending, plans to leave office Oct. 31](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)

[Grounded by FAA Rules](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

[House lawmakers ask for answers on cooked ISIS intel allegations](#) (The Hill)

[Hultgren Announces McHenry Drug Abuse Grant](#) (McHenry County Blog)

[Roskam, Hultgren, LaHood vote against stopgap funding measure](#)

(Chicago Sun-Times)

[Stop 'corporate welfare' for Planned Parenthood, pro-life Democrats say](#) (EWTN News/CNA)

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