

News from Representative Randy Hultgren



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[Two Months In, Two Bills Passed](#)

I was pleased that in less than two months the House has taken up and passed two bills I have introduced in Congress. I mentioned the first bill, the Regulatory Review and Sunset Act, in a previous e-newsletter. [More on that here.](#)

This past week, the House passed my bill (265-159) that opens up more opportunities for employees to share a stake in the companies they work for.

Employee-owned companies in my district have shown me first-hand how important ownership is to boosting a company's performance, and attracting top talent. Employees who own a stake in the company they work hard for every day want to see that the company does well. **When the company succeeds, the employee succeeds.**

Unfortunately, high compliance costs and red tape limit how much ownership these companies can safely offer to their deserving employees.

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[Ownership Act \(EEOA\), H.R. 1675](#)—passed as a package of bills called the Capital Markets Improvement Act—cuts through this red tape.

I hope the Senate will take up and pass this legislation quickly to help ease the ability of companies to offer ownership to their hardworking employees.

U.S. Turning a Blind Eye to the Demand Factor in the Global Sex Trade?

The Washington Post

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion global (illicit) business, and like any business it relies on steady supply and demand. When it comes to fighting that formidable demand for human lives, the U.S. State Department “continues to talk the talk, but unfortunately it is unwilling to walk the walk,” [write Mark Lagon, former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Human Trafficking at the State Department, and Laila Mickelwait of Exodus Cry in *The Washington Post*.](#)

I am thrilled that in this national newspaper with a wide reach to policymakers in Washington, these two experts have called for Congress to pass [my legislation to help stifle the demand for human lives by sex traffickers:](#)

“Enough is enough. Any national government having the authority to criminalize the purchase of commercial sex should do so. It’s time for Congress to pass pending legislation sponsored by Rep. Randy Hultgren (R-Ill.) that would update the Trafficking Victims Protection Act to require future TIP reports to assess sex-purchase laws when determining whether nations are making

serious efforts to reduce demand for commercial sex.”

We will be tackling this side of the equation at a Capitol Hill briefing I will moderate next month as part of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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

[Business regulation reform bill passes House](#)

(Alton Telegraph)

[How to Get Rid of Obsolete Regulations](#)

(Competitive Enterprise Institute)

[The U.S. government turns a blind eye to policies that fuel sex trafficking](#) (Washington Post op-ed)

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