

News from Representative Randy Hultgren



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## [Drop of Your Expired Drugs Today](#)

**NATIONAL**

# PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

*Saturday, April 30th*

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.  
IT'S SAFE, AND IT'S ANONYMOUS. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

TO FIND A COLLECTION SITE, VISIT [DEA.GOV](http://DEA.GOV)

Did you know that most abused prescription drugs are obtained or taken from family and friends? That's why I urge all residents of the 14th Congressional District to "take back" your expired, unused and unwanted prescription medicines to authorized disposal sites throughout northern Illinois from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Medicines that languish in medicine cabinets at home and assisted living facilities, including powerful opioid painkillers, are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse.

[To find a nearby collection site, please click here.](#) (The DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches. The service is free and anonymous.)

In addition, I have cosponsored **H.R. 3680, the Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015**, which would help reduce drug overdoses across the country by giving at-risk patients better access to lifesaving overdose reversal drugs.

## Time for Government to Come Clean about Student Debt Crisis

Total federal student debt has now risen above \$1.2 trillion, and 43 percent of the roughly 22 million Americans with federal student loans were either behind or received permission to postpone payments due to economic hardship as of January 1. We cannot ignore this growing issue.

At a Republican Policy Committee hearing on college affordability and the student debt crisis, I urged the federal government to take a hard look at the current structure of student loan programs, come clean about their risks to taxpayers, consider reforms to avoid economic ruin and ensure students and parents have proper information about loan repayment.

[Click here for more information and to watch my remarks at the hearing](#) titled "Millennials and the GOP: College Completion, Flexibility, and Affordability for an Emerging Generation."

## Calling Youth to Participate in Congressional Award Program



The Congressional Award Program, the highest honor Congress bestows upon young people, is a bipartisan effort which rewards those who have completed up to 100 hours in the areas of public service, physical fitness and personal exploration through individual goal setting. The program encourages active students to set goals, make plans to achieve them and demonstrate servant leadership in their communities. It is a great

opportunity to challenge, engage and recognize young residents while promoting their work helping their neighbors in need and improving their communities.

Details are available at <http://congressionalaward.org> and on my website at [hultgren.house.gov/congressional-award](http://hultgren.house.gov/congressional-award).

## Coffee with the Congressman

I will be in Sycamore on Tuesday morning at Shawn's Coffee Shop. I hope you can stop by for a cup of coffee and conversation. I would love to meet you and hear your concerns.

STOP BY FOR A CUP OF COFFEE AND TALK TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN

— COFFEE WITH —  
**RANDY HULTGREN**

WHEN: TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016  
 8:00-9:00 A.M.

WHERE: SHAWN'S COFFEE SHOP  
 204 SOMONAUK ST  
 SYCAMORE, IL 60178

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## Introducing Legislation to Protect Sensitive Financial Information of Homeowners

Most Americans do not want their sensitive information, such as credit scores, exposed to the world on an obscure page of a government website, but unfortunately this is what has been proposed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The federal government is already making sensitive mortgage information available online and has plans to more than double the information that is published—putting even more personal information at risk of abuse.

That's why I introduced **H.R. 4993, the Homeowner Information Privacy**

**Protection Act (HIPPA)**, which would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study regarding the impact on consumer privacy resulting from information made publicly available under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA).

Federal regulators should not put the personal information of American homeowners at unnecessary risk. The Homeowner Information Privacy Protection Act ensures Americans are protected before regulators make new information available to the public.

[Click here for more information about my legislation.](#)

## Angel Investors are Key to Successful Business Startups



Angel investors play a key role in the earliest stages of small business startups with an idea. These investors provide the initial round of funding to help get these life-changing ideas off the ground. Start-ups are the job creators that drive our economy, make life-changing medical breakthroughs and harness technology to accomplish the impossible.

I supported House passage of **H.R. 4498, the Helping Angels Lead Our Startups (HALOS) Act**, a bill I cosponsored, which frees up angel investors to consider supporting a startup business venture in its early stages without having to be subject to burdensome regulations that discourage potential investment.

## Hey IRS: Where's the Accountability?

A recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) [report](#) highlights severe cybersecurity vulnerabilities at the Internal Revenues Service (IRS) which could expose taxpayers' most sensitive data to hackers and cyber criminals. Incredibly, the IRS has failed to fully implement 94 outstanding GAO cybersecurity recommendations. In the real world, one would lose their job if they had not taken the necessary steps to ensure customer

records are kept private. And small businesses are threatened everyday by regulators if they aren't in compliance with laws and regulations.

I believe the IRS must be held to the same level of accountability as the rest of America. At a Research and Technology Subcommittee hearing I questioned IRS Commissioner John Koskinen about the effectiveness of the agency's ability to protect the personal information of taxpayers given its "abysmal" record of accountability and transparency.

Click the picture below to see Commissioner Koskinen's response:



## Additional Legislative Roundup

- I added cosponsors to my bill the [Modernizing American Manufacturing Bonds Act \(MAMBA\) of 2015, H.R. 2890](#), which updated outdated rules governing manufacturing bonds to help manufacturers expand their businesses, invest in new equipment and, most importantly, hire more workers.
- I supported House passage of the [Scholarships for Opportunity and Results \(SOAR\) Reauthorization Act, H.R. 4901](#), which reauthorizes a successful, three-sector approach to education in the District of Columbia, providing increased opportunity to children most in need.
- I [earned the International Foodservice Distributors Association's \(IFDA\) Thomas Jefferson Award](#) for my positive voting record on critical issues that contribute to the growth and prosperity of the foodservice distribution industry and the national economy. Illinois is proud to host a number of IFDA's large members including Dot Foods, Gordon Food Service, Reinhart Foodservice, and U.S. Foods.
- I supported House passage of **H.J. Res. 88, Protecting Access to Affordable Retirement Advice**, which invokes Congress's powers under the Congressional Review Act to prevent the Labor

Department's fiduciary rule regulating retirement advice from going into effect. [More on that here.](#)

- A bill I cosponsored, [H.R. 1150, the Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015](#), passed out of committee and should be on its way to the House floor soon. Named after my former colleague and mentor, the bill ensures religious liberty is a central component of our nation's foreign policy. Massacres of Kenyan and Pakistani Christians and ongoing persecution of religious minorities by the Islamic State remind us that upholding religious liberty requires strong voices to defend it everywhere.

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.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress  
14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News

- [Comstock convenes hearing on IRS vulnerability to cyberattacks](#) (The Ripon Advance)
- [FAA should revise policy that downplays experience in hiring air traffic controllers](#) (The Buffalo News)
- [FAA's bid to expand air traffic hiring pool hits turbulence](#) (Newsday)
- [Hultgren encourages residents to take back prescription drugs](#) (Joliet Herald-News)
- [Hultgren, Barr, Love introduce bill to halt disclosure of mortgage recipients' private data, study privacy concerns](#) (The Ripon Advance)
- [ITER leader faces tough questions, even from relatively supportive U.S. House panel](#) (Science Magazine)
- [ITIF Report Aims to Sway Congress, Promote National HPC Agenda](#) (HPC Wire)
- [MCC awarded grant for project on veterans](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Speak Up and Speak Out. It works!!](#) (Lake County News-Sun)
- [U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren issues statement on sentencing of Hastert](#) (Kendall County Now)

- [Village residents invited to discuss Plainfield's strategic plan](#) (Joliet Herald-News)

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