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October 7, 2011

Dear friend,

This week marked the 888th day since the Senate has passed a budget. To mark this occasion, I joined 35 other freshman members of Congress to tell the do-nothing Senate that, "Enough is enough, do your job - pass a budget."

Not only have they failed to pass a budget for 888 days, spending recklessly the whole time, they have also failed to vote on any of the dozen pro-growth, pro-jobs bills the House has passed with bipartisan support. It's time for Harry Reid and Dick Durbin to get serious, pass a budget, and pass our bills that will get Washington bureaucrats off the backs of America's small business owners and let them hire and expand.

However, I did receive some good news this week: President Obama, at long last, has formally submitted to Congress free trade agreements with the nations of Colombia, Panama, and South Korea.

This marks a long overdue milestone in the implementation of three vital, no-cost, job-creating free trade agreements and I am confident that we will have the opportunity to vote on them in the days ahead. These bills will expand valuable new markets for America's manufacturers and farmers, helping to create jobs in Illinois and across the country.

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on [Twitter](#), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

As always, it is truly an honor to serve you in Washington. Please contact me at 630.232.7104 or 202.225.2976 if I can be of assistance, or if you'd like to share your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

In service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress

Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to answer the questions on government regulations that I sent out last week. It may not surprise you that nearly 70 percent of respondents felt that small business owners currently operate in a hostile regulatory environment and another 70 percent of respondents felt that that regulators and bureaucrats should be required to take into account the impact a rule will have on peoples' jobs or companies before they impose it.

As always, I appreciate your feedback on this and other other important issues.

Mobile Office Hours

Staff from my district office will be available to assist constituents with individual concerns at the following scheduled mobile office hours:

Wednesday, October 12

Maple Park Public Library
302 Willow Street
Maple Park, IL 60151
9:30 am - 10:30 am

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Randy In the News

[Hultgren to Senate: Pass Bipartisan Bill Easing Regulatory Burdens On Agricultural Community](#)

[House GOP freshmen slam Reid, Senate for inaction on budget](#)

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