

[Subscribe](#)[View Past Mailings](#)[RSS](#)[in Share](#)

submit

March 22, 2013

CONGRESSMAN

**Randy Hultgren**

PROUDLY REPRESENTING THE 14TH DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

[Home](#) | [About Randy](#) | [Serving You](#) | [News](#) | [Legislative Work](#) | [Our District](#) | [Contact](#)**More Take Home Pay -- Better Jobs -- A Debt-Free Future**

Dear Friends:

This week was a pivotal one in Washington. We took important votes on a series of competing budget plans with very different visions for America's future. Ultimately, the one that passed Thursday, the "Path to Prosperity", would set our nation on course to achieve a balanced budget; reform and simplify the tax code; and protect and strengthen Medicare and Social Security - all without raising taxes.

At the end of the day, the budget is all about jobs and what kind of legacy we leave our children. Will they inherit a country buried in debt, crippled by a stagnant economy, and limited by a lack of opportunity? Or will we meet the challenge of this moment - here and now - to realign Washington's priorities with those of American families here in 2013?

This week's budget vote represents a step in the right direction, a commitment to American families that we not only hear and share your frustrations and concerns, but are translating them into meaningful action to get our economy going again. We can achieve great things together - and we will. That's why I am so passionate about serving you in Congress.

I am back home in Illinois and will be meeting with constituents, small business owners and local leaders over the next two weeks while Congress is in recess -- sharing what the House budget means for local families; More Take Home Pay. Better Jobs. A Debt-Free Future.

Please read below for more updates from the past week. As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

Sincerely Yours,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois

**Click on the image below to watch Rep. Hultgren's remarks from the House Floor Thursday on how the House budget equals more jobs and opportunity for Illinois families.



SKILLS Act Empowers Americans Looking for Work

Last Friday, the House passed the *Supporting Knowledge and Investing in Lifelong Skills* (SKILLS) Act, an initiative that will dramatically help more individuals and families find meaningful jobs by reforming our nation's workforce training system.

- **JOB TRAINING:** With 12 million Americans out of work and 3.6 million job openings unfilled, the SKILLS Act will modernize and reform our federal workforce development programs.
- **ELIMINATING RED TAPE:** The SKILLS Act cuts through bureaucracy so workers can access the training they need when they need it.
- **STRENGTHENING THE VOICE OF JOB CREATORS & COMMUNITY COLLEGES:** Congressman Hultgren is committed to ensuring that employers and community colleges are effectively represented with a strong voice on the Workforce Investment Board (WIB).
- In reauthorizing the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the SKILLS Act makes changes affecting how WIB members are appointed. One such change requires that two-thirds of the WIB members be composed of business owners or people from the business community. Congressman Hultgren believes community colleges must also have adequate representation. The Congressman will monitor appointments to the WIBs and be an advocate for our local community colleges.
- **THE BOTTOM LINE:** President Obama called on Congress in 2012 to work with him to develop a skills training program that is more efficient and effective. The Skills Act does just that.

Hultgren Introduces Bill to Reduce and Eliminate Unnecessary Government Regulations

In recognition of the crushing burden of excessive government regulation placed on employers (particularly small businesses) as well as taxpayers, Congressman Hultgren recently introduced H.R. 309, the Regulatory Sunset and Review Act to reduce and eliminate outdated and unnecessary regulation.

Congressman Hultgren has already worked to secure 35 co-sponsors and recently met with Dan Danner, President and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) to obtain his help in gaining support and moving the bill forward.

Specifically, Congressman Hultgren's bill would:

- Require regular federal agency review of regulations with an economic impact of \$100 million or more and include a public comment period, a cost-benefit analysis, and a report outlining legislative solutions to regulations in need of amending or termination, and
- Require a petition process that would trigger a re-evaluation of regulations with an impact of less than \$100 million.

Hultgren's initiative will increase transparency in the regulatory process, which would directly help create jobs by increasing the certainty and confidence needed for employers to hire and invest.

Hultgren Introduces Bipartisan Initiative to Protect Quality of the Great Lakes

Reports estimate that 24 billion gallons of sewage are dumped into the Great Lakes each year, posing serious environmental, financial and public health hazards. Cities around the Great Lakes Basin continue to dump directly into the Great Lakes and their tributaries.

In response, Congressman Hultgren has signed on to the Great Lakes Water Protection Act (S.571), legislation to ban the dumping of sewage in Lake Michigan and throughout the Great Lakes. This effort is co-sponsored by Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Congressmen Hultgren and Dan Lipinski (D-IL).

The Great Lakes Water Protection Act would:

- Increase fines to up to \$100,000 a day per violation and provides communities 20 years to upgrade their sewage treatment facilities.

- Money collected from fines would flow to a Great Lakes Clean-Up Fund to generate financial resources for the Great Lakes states to improve wastewater treatment options, habitat protection and wastewater treatment systems.
- Protect and strengthen the quality of our drinking water and preserve Lake Michigan as a vital natural resource for public health, commerce and recreation.

Stay tuned for next week's "Hultgren Huddle" with updates on the Congressman's work throughout the 14th District.

###

Contact Information

Washington, DC
332 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515
Phone: (202) 225-2976
Fax: (202) 225-0697

Geneva Office
1797 State Street Suite A
Geneva, IL 60134
Phone: (630) 232-7104
Fax: (630) 232-7174

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update My Profile](#) | [Privacy Policy](#)