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Hultgren Huddle: Bringing My Office to You

Dear Friends:

This August District Work Period has been busy and fruitful as I have been meeting with many of you to talk about your concerns and let you know what I have been doing to represent you in the U.S. Congress.

For those of you who live farther away from my Geneva office, last week, my staff and I brought our brick and mortar office to you by holding Mobile Office Hours. We visited constituents in Richmond, Spring Grove, Johnsburg, Harvard, Lakewood, Woodstock, Crystal Lake, Lake in the Hills, Huntley, McHenry, Prairie Grove and Island Lake. [Visit my Facebook page](#) to see whom I met with. Please call my district office at (630) 232-7104 to find out about future events.

On a Tele-Town Hall this week, I was grateful to be able to answer a variety of questions live from people concerned about issues ranging from healthcare to government overreach to immigration. **Their chief concern was how to bring back jobs to Illinois and the 14th District**, and I shared my ideas about how best to open the doors for small businesses and manufacturers to hire again.

There is still much work to be done to make our economy strong and competitive again. Check out the plan to remove burdensome regulations, reform the tax code and expand market access for manufacturers on my website: <http://hultgren.house.gov/jobs/jobs-package/>.

Common Core Education Summit on August 28:

As we near the beginning of the school year, I wanted to alert you to an important event later this month.

Parents and educators are rightly concerned about the state of American education as students fall further behind the world in knowledge and competitiveness. Many are confused about the Common Core Standards (CCS) – federal curriculum guidelines that focus on English and math competencies for college preparedness.

Before it is fully implemented in Illinois, please join me and a group of educators, administrators, thought-leaders and parents for an open discussion on Common Core and the growing role of the federal government in our education system on August 28th. **Please click [HERE](#) for my Facebook event page.** You can click 'Join' to RSVP.

Please see below my signature for more updates on the past few months. 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,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois

[Jobs and the Economy:](#)

Our economy is continuing to recover from **the worst downturn since the Great Depression, but growth and job creation remain anemic.** Creating jobs in Illinois must be our top priority.

When I ask small businessmen and women around the District, "What would be the one thing I can do that would help you hire just one more employee?," they tell me to cut red tape and burdensome regulations.

To get government regulation off the backs of small businesses, earlier this month the House passed and I supported H.R. 367, the REINS Act (Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny), which requires both Congress and the President to jointly approve any new major regulations issued by a federal agency.

This complements legislation I introduced earlier this year, **H.R. 309, the Regulatory Sunset and Review Act**, which now has more than 60 cosponsors. My bill mandates federal agencies review all of their existing regulations costing more than \$100 million, figure out which ones are obsolete and put them on a path toward elimination. This will help reduce costly regulations on small businesses. I anticipate further action on my bill in the fall.

My colleagues in the House and I have pursued a jobs and training package that includes the SKILLS Act, passed in March, which helps both job seekers and employers, as well as approving the Keystone XL Pipeline and passing a long-term student loan fix.

Healthcare:

President Obama's actions have shown his **healthcare law isn't ready for primetime.** Just this week, in fact, the administration announced another delay to Obamacare, this time to caps on out-of-pocket costs for consumers. This is on top of his employer mandate delay earlier this summer. This shows again that this law is just too expensive and complex to implement.

President Obama promised Americans that they wouldn't lose the coverage that best fits their needs, but we are already seeing choice being limited. Just this month I heard from a constituent who now has less care and can't keep her current doctor after her employer was forced to switch plans.

I have voted more than 40 times to defund or repeal parts of all of Obamacare, and I will support appropriations and budget measures that continue to defund it.

Immigration Reform:

Immigration reform is an important and complex issue. **But it is not a race; it is about getting it right.**

The Senate bill that passed was a comprehensive bill and **was well over 1,000 pages long.** With a bill that size, you often get a bad result chock full of unintended consequences.

I truly believe the best approach is to examine reform piece by piece, starting with border security and enforcement—it is too important and we should take time to get it right so we fix the problems in our immigration system and strengthen the economy.

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