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## [My First “Medium” Post: A Tale of Two Neutrino Labs](#)



Medium is a new publishing platform from the minds behind Twitter. [More on that here.](#)

I used the new medium of Medium to chronicle my trip to two national laboratories, hundreds of miles apart and hundreds of feet below the Earth’s surface, which are pushing basic scientific research to the outer boundaries of the known universe. (I’ll give you a hint: one of them is in Batavia.)

Read it in full here: <https://medium.com/@RepHultgren/a-tale-of-two-neutrino-labs-eab5d014bbf>.

## [Community Leadership Forum on Transportation and Technology](#)

Congressman Randy Hultgren Invites You to the

# Community Leadership Forum on Transportation & Technology

Thursday, August 20  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Plainfield Village Hall  
24401 W. Lockport Street  
For more information: (202) 225 2976



CONGRESSMAN  
**RANDY HULTGREN**  
Proudly Representing the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois

It is impossible to overestimate the impact technology has had on how we all get from A to B, whether that's commuting to Chicago or picking up your kids from school. From 'on-demand' ride-sharing apps, to new road construction methods and materials, to vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) communication and more, new innovative technologies will continue to transform our community.

Please join me at my next **Community Leadership Forum** on Thursday, this time to talk as a community about taking advantage of the power of technology to transform northern Illinois through innovations and advancements to its rich and diverse forms of transportation.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Women and Children Deserve Better than Planned Parenthood

The uproar over Planned Parenthood isn't going away. The multiple investigations into the organization and its practices regarding the harvesting of baby organs reveals why we should redirect the half a billion Planned Parenthood gets in tax dollars every year to comprehensive health centers that provide whole-woman care, not abortions, to women in Illinois and across the nation.

[I wrote a piece for the Chicago Sun-Times on why women and children](#)

[deserve better than Planned Parenthood can provide](#). We should direct taxpayer dollars where they can do the most good.

## Updating the Voting Rights Act

50 years after the Voting Rights Act was signed into law, I have supported a needed and bipartisan update to ensure we protect this civil rights legacy for all generations. As a member of the Party of Lincoln from the Land of Lincoln, I take great pride—and responsibility—in promoting a strong republic where all are equal and engaged in the system that chooses our leaders and promotes a more just society.

Hearing the stories from icons like my colleague Rep. John Lewis (GA-05) and Alveda King invigorates my desire to stand with them and the many who struggled to claim the civil rights that had been wrongly denied them. **H.R. 885, the Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2015**, is a step in that direction.

[More info is available here](#).

## Introducing ACA Opt-Out Plan to Give States Real Health Flexibility

Last summer I hosted a [Community Leadership Forum on Health Care](#) in the 14th Congressional District of Illinois. I listened to and spoke with constituents from all walks of life with diverse backgrounds working in and working with our nation's health care system.

**[H.R. 3352, the State Health Care Options Act of 2015](#)**, is a culmination of their concerns, their stories, and their advice, and is a response to dramatically escalating health care costs, including an expected 30 percent increase for some plan participants in Illinois next year, which the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was intended to address.

It provides states like Illinois with a clear, immediate path forward—away from burdensome regulations, restrictive health care costs, and a consolidated health insurance market—and toward truly affordable and accessible health care.

[Click here to watch a video explaining the legislation in more detail](#). I also [penned a letter to the editor about why this legislation is good for Illinois](#).

I look forward to action on this in the House soon.

## REIN-ing in Executive Power over Small Businesses

Illinois' small businesses and manufacturers are being buried under mountains of federal regulations, rules, and red tape. That's why I supported House passage of the [Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny \(REINS\) Act, H.R. 427](#), to ensure the American people and their representatives have a say in any new major regulations (having an economic impact of \$100 million or more) federal agencies aim to place on American manufacturers and small businesses.

### Supporting Regulatory Relief for Community Banks

As the Dodd-Frank Act continues to be implemented, I am hearing more and more about the unnecessary regulatory burden that is being piled upon our community banks that serve many local individuals, families, businesses and farmers. I am proud to work with my colleagues on the House Financial Services Committee to advance three important pieces of legislation which allow banks in Illinois to better focus on serving their customers and strengthening our communities.

[Click here for more information.](#)

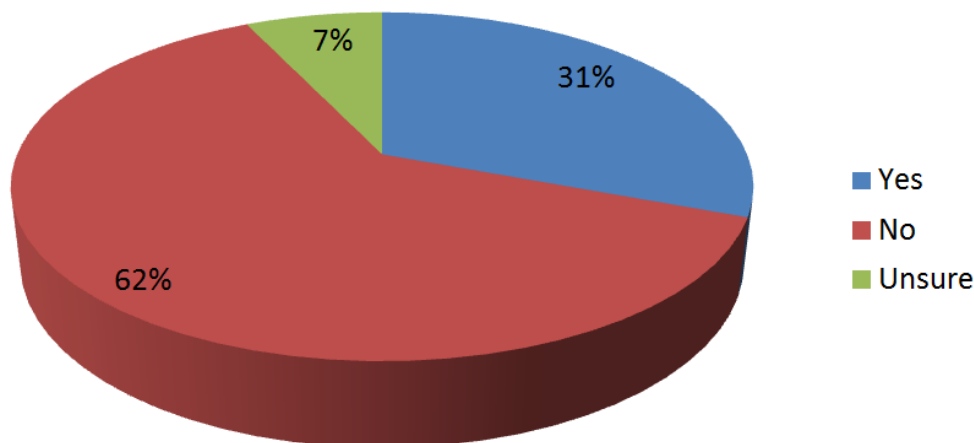
### EPA Moving the Goalposts Again

EPA is moving the goal posts on regulations they've already placed on states like Illinois. But I agree with the President who scrapped previous reconsideration of the ozone standards because he "did not support asking state and local governments to begin implementing a new standard that will soon be reconsidered."

I believe current ozone standards seem to be working to an unanticipated degree of success and shouldn't be changed until completed and fully analyzed. [Here's more info on recent action I took to push back on this latest EPA overreach.](#)

### Poll Results on Iran Deal

Here's what you all thought about the Iran deal as it currently stands. [Please keep letting me know your thoughts by email.](#)

**Do you support the President's Deal with Iran?**

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*

### Randy in the News

- [Concerns over 'religious freedom' emerge after Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Congressman Seeks Protection From Federal Discrimination For Those Opposed To Same-Sex Marriage](#) (WNIJ/WNIU Public Radio)
- [Congressmen Weigh in on Iran Nuclear Deal, Debt-Ceiling Deadline](#)

(WTTW Chicago Tonight)

- [GOP congressmen object to ozone rule](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)
- [House Committee Calls EPA's Gina McCarthy Testimony 'False and Misleading'](#) (Washington Free Beacon)
- [Letter: State Health Care Options Act is the first step out of the ACA](#) (Joliet Herald-News)
- [NACD Member TLC Ingredients, Inc. Welcomes Rep. Hultgren to Facility](#) (National Association of Chemical Distributors)
- [Rep. Hultgren awarded Municipal Public Service Award](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [The \\$93,000 question](#) (The Hill)
- [U.S.S. Illinois Launch is October 10](#) (Illinois Review)

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