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"It is an honor to serve the constituents of the 44th Congressional District of California. I know people are going through hard times and I consider it my duty to ensure that the policies coming out of Washington, D.C. improve people's circumstances. The American people have endured forty months of unemployment above 8%; this has been the most difficult economy since the Great Depression. Now more than ever we need to come together and pass legislation that will create certainty in the economy so that businesses can hire again and America can get back to doing what it does best: working, innovating and succeeding."

- Rep. Ken Calvert



Rep. Calvert meets with constituents to discuss their ideas on how to improve the economy and boost job creation.

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NEW HEALTH CARE LAW

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REP. CALVERT CONTINUES WORK TO MANDATE EMPLOYER USE OF E-VERIFY

"As a former small business owner, I know that employers are already required by law to hire a legal workforce, yet they previously did not have the tools to ensure their workers were legal. Since I created E-Verify in 1996, over 370,000 businesses have voluntarily signed up with the program to check their newly hired employees. E-Verify is free to employers, web-based, 99.5% accurate and easy to use. The time has come to make use of E-Verify mandatory to ensure that American jobs are going to American citizens and legal residents."

- Rep. Ken Calvert

Congressman Calvert worked with the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement to craft a thoughtful mandatory E-Verify bill. Last year, they introduced H.R. 2885 which would require all employers to use E-Verify two years after enactment of the bill; the smallest employers would have the full two years to become compliant. The bill has since passed the Judiciary Committee and awaits consideration on the House floor. Rep. Calvert continues to work with his colleagues to schedule a time on the floor for the bill to receive a vote.

For breaking news on E-Verify and other federal policy issues, sign up to receive e-newsletters at www.calvert.bouse.gov, follow Ken on Twitter (@KenCalvert) or Like his Facebook Page









Supreme Court Upholds Majority of New Health Care Law

"I am disappointed in the Supreme Court's decision to uphold a majority of the new health care law, including the individual mandate, which the Supreme Court stated is a new tax on the American people. While the Supreme Court may have ruled that the individual mandate is constitutional, the American people understand that it is a bad idea. The law is an unprecedented intrusion by the federal government into the free market and individual freedom. With this decision, the path forward is clear - Congress must take it upon itself to repeal the law, especially the individual mandate.

"The Supreme Court ruled on the constitutionality of the law, not on whether the law is good for the country. The bottom line is that the new health care law will continue to hurt our economy and create more uncertainty to the detriment of the American people. Ultimately, I believe this ruling will inspire the American people to change the leadership of our country that has led us down a path of bigger government, unchecked spending, more taxes and less freedom."

- Rep. Ken Calvert

What Does the Ruling Mean for You and Your Family?

Most of the mandates do not start until 2014 when most Americans will be required to purchase insurance or pay a penalty. The penalty will start at \$95 or up to 1% of a person's income, whichever is greater.

The uninsured will be expected to purchase health insurance. For the poorest Americans, they will become newly qualified to enroll in the federal-state Medicaid program. However, the Supreme Court struck the requirement that states must participate in expanded Medicaid eligibility. States may choose whether to participate based on their own fiscal realities and they cannot be penalized by the federal government for making a decision based on their bottom-line.

Americans who do not qualify as poor but have low incomes will get tax credits to offset their insurance costs. Insurance companies will have to sell coverage to everyone and companies with 50 workers or more will be required to offer insurance to their workers or pay a penalty.