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Dear Friends,

Health Care Update

An updated [analysis](#) released by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) warns that access to care for low-income Americans and seniors may be jeopardized.

- An estimated 20 million people will be added to the Medicaid program, resulting in demand which will be nearly impossible to meet.
- \$575 billion in Medicare cuts will make it cost prohibitive for many doctors to treat Medicare patients.
- 50% of Medicare Advantage beneficiaries are predicted to leave the program due to large cuts in their benefit packages.

Border Security

This week I joined several of my colleagues and signed a [letter](#) to President Obama, once again asking for the deployment of National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border. The drug cartel-related violence continues to escalate and pose a serious threat to our national security.

Defense Savings and Transparency

I voted for and the House passed H.R. 5013, the IMPROVE Acquisitions Act, which seeks to improve the Department of Defense’s acquisition system. Its goals are to make sure we get the most value for every dollar we spend on defense acquisitions, to make acquisitions auditable so taxpayers know where their money is going, to strengthen the IT workforce, and to reduce cost and expand resources by encouraging collaboration with the private sector.

Science and Technology R&D

The House Science and Technology Committee passed the America COMPETES Act. This will increase research investment, strengthen educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math, and promote innovation and competitiveness in the public and private sectors. As founder of the Congressional High Tech Caucus, I believe this legislation will play a significant role in our nation’s ability to compete globally. I was able to attach an amendment that allows “green” energy efficient building design where practical.

Puerto Rico

I voted against, but the House passed H. R. 2499, the Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009. The citizens of Puerto Rico already possess the ability to express their territory’s political status and no action from the United States Congress is needed. While I favor Puerto Rico reaching a conclusion of its territorial status that has been clouded for over 100 years, it has become clear that this legislation could become the first step in the long process of achieving statehood and therefore I oppose it.

News and Video

- [Chronicle - Rep. McCaul wants Pentagon technology used along US-Mexico border](#)
- [Statesman - Reviving tax credit on R&D vital to economic health](#)
- [Chronicle - Texas rakes in \\$1.6 billion in earmarks](#)
- [Iran Sanctions Necessary \(Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing\)](#)

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District 10 Listening Posts

I will be resuming our district Listening Posts on May 13th, 2010. This is a valuable opportunity for constituents to discuss federal issues with my staff that I am able to address at the Congressional level. I encourage all of you to drop by to ask questions, voice concerns, or simply introduce yourself.

Caldwell Listening Post

Thursday, May 13, 2010
12:00pm-2:00pm
Burlison County Courthouse, Commissioner's Room
100 West Buck
Caldwell, TX

Pflugerville Listening Post

Thursday, May 13, 2010
3:00pm-5:00pm
Pflugerville Community Library, Community Room
102 10th St.
Pflugerville, TX



Congressman McCaul discusses cybersecurity with White House cybersecurity Coordinator Howard Schmidt and Reps Betsy Markey and Jim Langevin.



Congressman Michael McCaul presented Robin DeHaven with an American flag flown over the U.S. capitol for his heroic efforts in rescuing several people from the burning IRS building in Austin, TX on Feb. 18. DeHaven, an Iraq war veteran who repairs glass for a living, witnessed the suicide plane crash into the building. He immediately drove to the scene and used the ladders on his truck, along with his military training, to save lives. The building where the events occurred is in Congressman McCaul's district.



Congressman McCaul meets with Austin Fire Chief Rhoda Mae Kerr. Also pictured are: Rudy Jackson, Forth Worth fire chief; Thomas Griffith, fire chief of Pantego; and Jerry Gardner, fire chief and president of the Texas Fire Chief Association.



Congressman McCaul meets with the American Society of Anesthesiologists. Pictured are: Dr. Benjamin Harvey of Houston, Dr. James McMichael of Austin, Texas State Rep. John Zerwas, Dr. Cathy Scholl of Austin, Vince Nelson of Houston, and Dr. Gregory M. Kronberg of Austin.



Congressman McCaul meets with the Independent Banking Association of Texas. Pictured are: Garry Crocker, Gabe Krajicek, Patrick Laughlin, Dub Sutherland, Kristen Limehouse, Phil Linton, Alan Masters, Pat Kennedy, and Janey Holstein.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul".

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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