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THE McCaul Minute

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Dear Friends,

Over the past week, I have taken advantage of the President's Week recess to spend time visiting with constituents and local elected officials here at home. I always value the time I have to travel across the district and listen to your thoughts and concerns about the issues we are facing today. I met with several elected officials who represent parts of our district at the state level to discuss issues including the stimulus bill, job creation, and state and federal legislation that will have an impact on the families and businesses of CD10. I am especially excited about assisting new high tech projects to get off the ground that could potentially have a dramatic, positive effect on our economy.

Next week we go back to work in Washington. In the coming weeks, the House is expected to take up several important bills including S.22, a federal lands bill and the FY2009 omnibus appropriations bill to continue funding the federal government through the rest of this fiscal year. The House may also consider another bank bailout and legislation designed to help aid those Americans facing foreclosure. Most of this legislation has not been finalized, but I will base my vote on whether these bills are fiscally responsible, provide adequate taxpayer protections, and whether they are likely to succeed.

Meeting with Katy Police Chief Bill Hastings

On Monday, I met with Katy Police Chief Bill Hastings to discuss Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE), my role as Ranking Member of the Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment Subcommittee, and the need for information sharing. The committee has a direct impact on local law enforcement's efforts to track terror suspects.

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Congressman McCaul meets with Katy Police Chief Bill Hastings.

Tech Meeting at AMD- PIC

On Tuesday, I hosted a High Tech Advisory Board meeting at AMD's Lonestar Campus in Austin to discuss Tech Industry related items in the recently passed Stimulus Package and to discuss pending and future technology related legislation in the House of Representatives. Currently, I am working to inject capital into the tech industry by making the research and development tax credit permanent. As the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Intelligence Subcommittee, I also wanted to talk to experts in this industry about cyber security and the vulnerability computer networks in the U.S.



Congressman McCaul meets with Randy Goodall, Ph.d; Nanomedical, David Saathoff; Sematech, Steve Kester; AMD, Dr. Trybula; The Trybula Foundation, Terry Berke; SEMI North America, and Andrew Wise; Microsoft.

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In the News

Congressman McCaul speaks to My FOX Austin about the Stimulus Bill:

http://www.house.gov/list/press/tx10_mccaul/morenews/2_17_09.html

Congressman McCaul speaks to KUT radio about the Stimulus Bill:

<http://kut.org/items/show/15756>

Congressman McCaul meets with Chief Hastings and the Katy Police Department:

<http://instantnewskaty.com/2009/02/17/2791>

Congressman McCaul speaks to Instant News Katy about the Stimulus Bill:

<http://instantnewskaty.com/2009/02/16/2777>

Congressman McCaul speaks to Brenham Banner-Press about the Stimulus Bill:

<http://www.brenhambanner.com/articles/2009/02/14/news/news06.txt>

Read Congressman McCaul's OpEd in the Houston Chronicle:

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/editorial/outlook/6263108.html>

Congressman McCaul Talks with Local Lawmakers About How They Can Help Central Texas:

http://www.house.gov/list/press/tx10_mccaul/morenews/2_16_09.html

I wish you and your family a happy and safe weekend.

With best regards,



Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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