



July 10, 2009

Dear Friends,

H.R. 3082 - Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act

On Friday, the House passed H.R. 3082, the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill. I voted in favor of this bill because it provides vital funding and health services which includes \$85 million in grants to Extended Care Facilities for States to construct and renovate VA extended care facilities for our nation's veterans as well as funding for building and maintaining military installations. The bill contains a total of \$77.9 billion in discretionary spending and an additional \$48 billion in advanced appropriations for FY 2011.

H.R. 2965 - Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act

On Wednesday, the House passed H.R. 2965, the Enhancing Small Business Research and Innovation Act, which would reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR) and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program (STTR) for two years, through September 30, 2011. This program requires certain federal agencies to set aside a percentage of their extramural research and development budget for the purpose of developing projects produced by small businesses.

H.R. 3081 - Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act

On Thursday, the House passed the FY2010 Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act. This bill spends \$49 billion in foreign aid, a staggering \$12.4 billion, or 38.8%, increase in funding from FY2009. While I support many of the provisions in this legislation, I could not in good conscience vote for this bill because of the irresponsible amount of money that it sends overseas during this time of economic crisis here at home.

H.R. 2997 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act

This week, the House passed the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. The bill provides \$2.4 billion, or 11.9%, more than FY 2009 for programs under the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Because of these excessive spending levels, I voted against this legislation.



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With Army Reserve Spc. David Hutchinson from Brenham, who received the Silver Star for his heroic actions during an ambush by insurgents in Afghanistan.



McCaul (3rd row) joining T. Boone Pickens and fellow co-sponsors a bill that provides tax credits for creating and buying cars that run on natural gas.



Celebrating July 4th with Mayor Don Elder and Veterans in Katy, shortly after McCaul's [address](#).

IN THE NEWS

LA Times: [Maxine Waters job-training center caught in funding ban](#)

Katy Times: [Photos from July 4th](#)

Tomball Potpourri/Cypress Sun: [A different kind of Texas tea](#)

Houston Chronicle: [See "Local Wish List"](#)

Job Fair at Merrell Center in Katy, Tuesday, August 18, 9:00am – 3:00pm

We have locked down the date and location for the Job Fair hosted by Congressman McCaul, and we continue to look for employers interested in participating. The Job Fair will feature employers from across the district, state, and nation. If you are an employer looking for workers, please download the [registration form](#) from our website or contact our Austin district office at (512) 473-2357.

Page Program

We are now accepting applications for the Fall 2009 Congressional Page Program. Candidates must be at least 16 years old but no older than 17 years of age at any point during the term in which they serve. A page serving in the academic year must be a junior in high school with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Please contact Lauren Hayes at 512-473-2357 for an application and additional information. *Deadline for applications is July 15th, 2009.*

With best regards,

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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