



## **Capitol Connection**

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### **Capitol Connection: A Weekly Washington Update**

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Good Afternoon,

As many of you know, the government shutdown and threat of a default have been the main focus here in Washington. Wednesday night the House passed H.R. 2775, which reopened the government and removed the threat of a government default. This gives all sides time to continue to find responsible solutions that will get our debt under control, support economic growth, and protect and preserve essential programs for our most vulnerable citizens.

I supported passage of this bill in order to fully restore needed government services for veterans, seniors, and families in our district and to remove any risk of default. A government default would have put the full faith and credit of the United States at risk, and in combination with the government shutdown, severely weakened job creation at a time when unemployment in San Bernardino County remains unacceptably high. Passing this legislation ensures this does not occur.

As I have said before, any solution to this disagreement would be the result of both sides coming to the negotiating table. I am optimistic we can build on the bipartisan momentum of this legislation to address our country's fiscal problems. As Vice Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, I understand the importance of getting our fiscal house in order. These negotiations will be vital to expediting our economic recovery and creating good paying jobs.

Throughout these difficult times, I have advocated for the best interests of Inland Empire residents. I have heard from many of you and appreciate your feedback. I will continue to listen to your input as I work to curb Washington's wasteful spending and get our economy back on track. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Gary G. Miller (CA-31)

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **U. S. Service Academy Nomination Application Deadline Approaching**

Current high school seniors interested in attending a U. S. Service Academy for the 2014-2015 academic school year (Class of 2018) must submit their nomination application to Congressman Miller by **November 1, 2013**. Residents of California's 31<sup>st</sup> Congressional District must have a formal recommendation from Congressman Miller to apply to four of the U. S. Service Academies, including the U. S. Military Academy, the U. S. Naval Academy, the U. S. Air Force Academy, and the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States armed services. Upon graduation, service academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active components of the military or the Merchant Marines for a minimum of five years. For more information about the military academies, how to prepare and how to apply, visit <http://garymiller.house.gov> or call the Rancho Cucamonga District Office at (909) 980-1492.

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