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Dear friend,

December 4, 2011

Last week, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics released the November unemployment report. This report showed us that jobless rate has now been stuck at or above 8 percent for 34 straight months and at 9 percent or higher for 28 of those months. While the overall unemployment rate in November dropped, it's important to remember the main driver for that: 315,000 Americans gave up looking for work. In fact, those exiting the workforce last month greatly outnumbered those who found jobs, which is a troublesome sign for the future.

Clearly the economic policies of this Administration have failed and we need an immediate change in direction. That's why the House Republicans have passed, and will continue to pass, pro-growth, pro-jobs bills that will restore the confidence our nation's job creators need to build, invest, expand, and put Americans back to work.

Unfortunately, more than 20 of those bills, which would lower taxes, restore reasonable regulations, reduce spending, and create a smaller, less intrusive federal government, continue to languish in the do-nothing Senate which refuses to address the needs of unemployed Americans.

A full list of the bills awaiting Senate action is available [here](#).

I'd like to congratulate the Northern Illinois University Huskies, the 2011 MAC Football Champions. On Friday night, the Huskies came back in amazing fashion to defeat the Bobcats of Ohio University to deliver their 11th conference title. Go Huskies!

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on [Twitter](#), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

As always, it is truly an honor to serve you in Washington. Please contact me at 630.232.7104 or 202.225.2976 if I can be of assistance, or if you'd like to share your thoughts on the issues before Congress.

In service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress

Hultgren Introduces Legislation to Protect Main Street From Dodd-Frank Rule

Last week, I introduced legislation to ensure that entities such as farmer cooperatives, utilities, and public power authorities are exempt from regulations included in the Dodd-Frank Act passed by the last Congress.

H.R. 3527, the Protecting Main Street End-Users From Excessive Regulation Act, introduced with bipartisan support, narrows the Dodd-Frank definition of a "swap dealer" to ensure that Congressional intent is realized and that costly and burdensome regulations intended for the largest financial institutions are not imposed on hundreds of end-users.

[Click here](#) to read more about the legislation.

Video of the Week



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Coming Up in Washington

Some of the bills the House is planning to consider this week:

- [H.R. 1254](#)- Synthetic Drug Control Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Charlie Dent / Energy and Commerce Committee*)
- [H.R. 2405](#) - Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Mike Rogers (MI) / Energy and Commerce Committee*)
- [H.R. 3237](#) - SOAR Technical Corrections Act (*Sponsored by Rep. Trey Gowdy / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- [H.R. 2297](#) - To promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes (*Sponsored by Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton / Oversight and Government Reform Committee*)
- [H.R. 313](#) - Drug Trafficking Safe Harbor Elimination Act of 2011 (*Sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith / Judiciary Committee*)
- [H.R. 1021](#) - Temporary Bankruptcy Judgeships Extension Act of 2011 (*Sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith / Judiciary Committee*)
- [S. 1639](#) - A bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to authorize the American Legion under its Federal charter to provide guidance and leadership to the individual departments and posts of the American Legion, and for other purposes (*Sponsored by Sen. Jon Tester / Judiciary Committee*)
- [S. 1541](#) - A bill to revise the Federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership (*Sponsored by Sen. Michael Bennet / Judiciary Committee*)

Randy in the News

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