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Dear Friends,

April has arrived, and hopefully spring with it (finally!). Here is the latest on how I am serving you in Illinois and Washington, D.C.

State of Homeschooling

Protecting educational options for families is a priority that is close to my heart. As a father of two homeschooling boys, I presented an update on the state of homeschooling to the general public and met with families at the Johnsburg Public Library's Homeschool Resource Center. (See below my signature for news stories about the event.)

As homeschooling households continue to grow in number in Illinois, I wanted to talk about issues and legislation that affect the movement, such as the concerning effects of the Common Core on college admissions.

In response to the ongoing German persecution and unequal treatment of homeschooling families like the Romeikes and the Wunderlichs, I signed onto a letter requesting a meeting with the German ambassador. I was grateful the ambassador met with my colleagues and me this week. We had a productive meeting and I look forward to further discussions about how to secure educational opportunities and choice for all.



(Reps. Hultgren, Walberg, and Webster meet with Ambassador Ammon)

Offering Alternatives to Obamacare

The White House announced with great excitement this week that the President's health care law is a huge success after signing up 7 million people to the new federal system.

But the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has provided little economic security for Americans.

I wrote an [op-ed](#) for FoxNews.com about how House Republicans have fought for positive alternatives – not just repeals – that will provide economic security for Americans, while protecting patient choice and driving down health care costs.

Bills like H.R. 3121, H.R. 2300 and others embody viable alternative models to Obamacare. **Like any piece of legislation, these ideas aren't perfect or complete.** They need to be debated through the normal legislative process to fine-tune them to the needs of American health consumers.

In addition, this week I supported passage of [H.R. 2575](#), the Save American Workers Act. The ACA's 30-hour rule puts 2.6 million workers at risk for losing hours, according to the Hoover Institution. Of those, 59 percent are younger workers between the ages of 18-34 and 63 percent are women, including single

Do you support legislation to allow students in Illinois to substitute a computer science course in place of an upper-level math class (provided they complete Algebra II)?

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Yes	32.39%
No	54.93%
Not sure	12.68%

mothers. This bill will help stop the unintended consequences of the ACA on those who earn the least, and I look forward to the Senate taking action.

Honoring Women Veteran Champions of Change

On the House floor I recognized Erica Borggren, Director for Illinois' Department of Veterans Affairs who was named a White House *Women Veteran Champion of Change*. General Petraeus calls her, "one of the most talented officers with whom I've ever served" and "exemplary in every respect." Please watch the video below for more information on this hero.



(Click picture to watch video)

I Want your Input on Combating Heroin

As you may know, I convened a Community Leadership Forum on Heroin Prevention in March to share resources and ideas to tackle the growing threat of heroin addiction and opioid abuse in northern Illinois.

Based on the great discussions we had in our breakout groups, I have released a summary of the event and a working draft action plan as a tool to keep the momentum going and ensure community coordination and follow-up to what was discussed.

This is not a finished product—we still need input and further revision from the participants, but also from the community as a whole.

This document, available on my website at <http://hultgren.house.gov/heroin>, is just the next step toward putting in place an action plan that will work and that all interested parties are collaboratively pursuing.

I encourage you to send your edits, suggestions and comments by 5:00 p.m. CT, April 17 to my Coalitions Director, Susan Russell, at susan.russell@mail.house.gov.

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

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

In Your Service,

Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

Aurora Beacon-News: [Hultgren: Heroin prevention plan's 'working draft' ready for next stage](#)

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Illinois Review: [Hultgren Presses White House on Common Core Coercion](#)

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