

News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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Dear Friend,

Last week, I met with many of you throughout the 14th Congressional District. Spending the District Work Period with you offers me the best opportunity to hear your fresh ideas and solutions to the problems we face. Addressing our district's needs will always be front and center for me in Congress.

More importantly, **I enjoy showcasing the great people and innovators we have in northern Illinois!** Take a look at the photo captions for more:



(I convened local elected officials from **Kendall County and Metra in Yorkville** in a stakeholder meeting to discuss the future of expanding Metra service in our communities. As a resident of Plano myself, I understand the importance of having transportation options readily available in our region. I convened this meeting to ensure everyone is working together toward what's best for Kendall County. I am optimistic that progress will be made that supports community growth and prosperity.)



(I toured **Menards Distribution Center in Plano**. Meeting with managers and workers, I heard firsthand how Menards innovates to maintain supply chain demands and retain and train a skilled workforce.)



(Listening to worker concerns at a Menards employee town hall.)



(At **MTH Pumps in Plano**, owners Tim and Dave Tremain demonstrated to me how uncompromising quality assurance has led their company to success and an annual production of more than 20,000 specialized pumps shipped internationally.)



(I met with the founders of **Superior Felt in McHenry**, Tom and Joe Leineberg, in their 70,000 square foot expansion facility which makes all manner of nonwoven products for a myriad of applications.)



(I met with staff from **Aaron's Rent-To-Own McHenry Store.**)

I also visited **Brian and Sons Heating and Cooling in Montgomery**. One of the issues I consistently hear from Illinois business owners is the difficulty they face in securing small business loans to expand their businesses and hire more workers. I will continue my efforts to advocate for better credit options for our small businesses to expand and grow.



(One highlight of my week was meeting with students from the **Tri-Cities Enrichment Co-op (above)** and **Prairie Ridge High School in Batavia**. I was impressed with how thoughtful and engaged each student was in the national debate of the presidential election and, most importantly, their desire to learn more about the key safeguard of our political process and structure of government: the U.S. Constitution. Our students are concerned about finding gainful employment post-graduation—that's why I have supported a series of bills protecting Illinois' manufacturers and small businesses from government intrusion which prevents them from hiring new workers and expanding their businesses.)



(I met with **McHenry Community College** President Dr. Clint Gabbard and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Michael Smith to discuss developing our workforce and improving overall higher education.)



(I tested out equipment from **Durham School Services in Antioch**. Every school day, the company transports more than 1 million children across the country to and from school. Safety is their top priority.)



(Hearing what's on the minds of Lake County folks at the **Antioch Rotary Club** and letting them know how legislation in Washington will affect them.)

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,

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