

News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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[New Legislation to Help Small Businesses Succeed](#)



(Rep. Hultgren tours La Huerta Supermarket with Laz Marquez, President)

A [national poll](#) shows that only one-in-five of small business owners plan to hire more employees over the next year. Why? Whenever I travel

throughout the 14th District, small and mid-market business owners tell me that among many obstacles they face to expanding their operations and hiring more workers, high taxes remain central.

In response to their concerns, I was thrilled to announce the introduction of [H.R. 5374, the Bring Small Businesses Back Tax Reform Act](#), at La Huerta Supermarket in St. Charles. The bill provides immediate tax relief and reduces administrative burdens on a class of U.S. businesses that has proven itself vitally important to American workers and the economy at large.

[To read the Daily Herald story on the launch of the legislation, please click here.](#)

[Click here to learn more about this piece of legislation.](#)

Speaking of Small Businesses...

Fighting for Opportunity:
Unleashing the
POWER
of Small Business

JUNE 21

CONGRESSMAN
RANDY HULTGREN
Proudly Representing the 14th District of Illinois

SHAH CENTER
 MCHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE
 TUESDAY | 9:30-11:00 AM

Small businesses are the engine of the American economy—creating the bulk of American jobs and more than half of our economic output. Yet nearly a decade out from the Great Recession, many small businesses in Illinois and across the country continue to struggle and have found it difficult to recover, to add new employees and to grow. **What's stopping them from bouncing back? What are the obstacles to greater success?**

Please join me for a forum for small business owners, employees and 14th District residents to learn how to help bring small businesses back, to get the economy going again, to provide opportunity for millions of American employees. In addition, representatives from the Job Creators Network will give small business owners the tools to help educate their

employees about government policies that affect their jobs and company strength, and to encourage involvement in these issues.

[Click here for full details.](#)

Finally, a Congressional Hearing!

As you may know, [since December of 2014](#) I have called for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials to appear before Congress to answer for their objectionable actions regarding the hiring of air traffic controllers. Finally, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee [is holding a hearing on this issue](#).

I welcome this congressional hearing, and I urge the Subcommittee on Aviation to prioritize accountability. Americans need to hear from FAA officials directly involved in the decision to change the long-standing hiring procedures of air traffic controllers, and from those reportedly involved with helping students cheat on an entrance exam.

Background:

The FAA has been under fire following a [six month investigation](#) into the agency's modified hiring practices which I have repeatedly argued caused the agency to pass over the most qualified air traffic controller candidates, such as experienced veterans, and have raised concerns of air travel safety.

The investigation also [uncovered revelations](#) that FAA or aviation-related employees may have assisted in giving potential air traffic controller recruits special access to answers on a key admissions test to help them gain jobs with the FAA, which I [have called out](#).

I have urged the House to act on my legislation, [H.R. 1964, the Air Traffic Controllers Hiring Act of 2015](#) (previously known as the SAFE TOWERS Act), to reverse the effects of the FAA's policies and restore safety and confidence to air travel.

A Conservative Alternative to Dodd-Frank

As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, I applaud Chairman Jeb Hensarling's (R-TX) introduction of an alternative to the failed Dodd-Frank Act, the **Financial CHOICE (Creating Hope and Opportunity for Investors, Consumers and Entrepreneurs) Act**.

The Dodd-Frank Act put into place an unworkable system of measuring risk and guarding against loss—thus, credit is tighter, consumers are

less secure, the root causes of the crisis have been left untouched, the big banks are bigger and the small banks are fewer. My own constituents—individuals and businesses alike—have been the collateral damage of these failed policies.

Chairman Hensarling's alternative works to respect the role of each branch of government as laid out in our Constitution, and is based on the conservative principles that have made this country the most prosperous in history. The Financial CHOICE Act aims to allow financial institutions to provide hard-working Americans the financial services and access to credit they deserve, while increasing penalties and accountability for bad actors.

I look forward to working with Chairman Hensarling and my colleagues throughout the legislative process.

Memorial Day Video Message from WWII Memorial



(Click picture to watch video)

Celebrating 26 Years of Staff Member Ruth Richardson

I delivered a statement on the House floor to celebrate the long and fruitful public service of a member of my staff.



(Click picture to watch video)

Upcoming Events

- **My Traveling Help Desk will be Hampshire on Friday, June 24.** Staff experts will be available to address any issues you may have with federal agencies, listen your concerns and deliver those concerns directly to me. This spring I have hosted similar events in Sugar Grove, Yorkville, Geneva, Sycamore and Woodstock. [Click here for details and to learn more about what types of assistance are available.](#)
- **14th District Forum: Fighting for Opportunity: Unleashing the Power of Small Business.** [Click for more details.](#)

Following are actual quotes from 14th District residents after receiving help from my office:

“There are no words to thank you enough for everything you have been doing for me last week...Thank you for your kindness and your hard work on my behalf.”

—Giovanna, businessperson in Crystal Lake

“I want to say how thankful I am that you checked in on this. You showed real concerned and acted. I am extremely grateful that my phone call was taken and made important. Our family truly appreciates it.”

—Rikaine, resident of McHenry

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.

In Your Service,



Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois

Randy in the News

- [GOP lawmaker rolls out tax-relief bill for small businesses](#) (The Hill)
- [Hultgren introduces bill at St. Charles market](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [Hultgren introduces bill to lower taxes, relieve administrative burdens for small businesses](#) (The Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren Staffers in Woodstock Last Week](#) (McHenry County Blog)
- [Hultgren unveils small business legislation at St. Charles supermarket](#) (Daily Herald)
- [Illinois Congressman Hultgren stands with the golf industry against “Waters of the U.S.” proposed regulation](#) (GCSAA)
- [Op-ed: New tax legislation would ease burden on small businesses](#) (The Hill)
- [Raging Waves Water Park Holds Ribbon Cutting for New Water Slide Attraction](#)(WSPY News)
- [U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren meets with constituents in Plainfield](#) (Joliet Herald-News)
- [US lawmakers ask China to allow public discussion of Tiananmen protests](#) (The Economic Times)

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