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[Small Business Forum Tackles Challenges, Solutions](#)

I was thrilled at the turnout and discussion at my forum for small business owners, employees and 14th District residents on how to help bring small businesses back, to get the economy going again and to provide opportunity for millions of American employees.

[Please click here for the news coverage and pictures of the event.](#)

[Click here for an article in support of my new legislation to help small businesses succeed, H.R. 5374, the Bring Small Businesses Back Tax Reform Act.](#)

[Keeping Guns Out of the Hands of Terrorists](#)

An attack on any American is an attack on us all. Whenever these attacks happen we rightfully examines ourselves, but

also the policies we put in place to protect our nation.

The Homeland Security Committee has [worked hard this year on a number of key pieces of legislation](#) to combat terrorism at home, and I am thankful for their efforts, including House passage of H.R. 5471, the Countering Terrorist Radicalization Act, which I supported. This legislation will strengthen lines of communication between law enforcement agencies, combat terrorist organization using social media for propaganda and integrate improved intelligence into the administration's decision-making process for this evolving threat.

I am engaged in the ongoing debate on how to best keep guns out of the hands of terrorists. [To participate in the discussion online, visit the statement I posted to Facebook](#). I have also included it below:

The debate in the House over keeping guns out of the hands of terrorists comes down to this:

Here's what we agree on: more thorough background checks, including integrating different terrorist watch lists, to bar potential terrorists from buying guns.

Here's what we disagree on: who should have the power to deny Americans their constitutional right to purchase a firearm—a bureaucrat or a judge.

Democrats want to vote on an unconstitutional bill that violates due process rights of all American citizens. They know it will get struck down by the Supreme Court. Not to mention, the bill has already failed in the Senate.

Republicans believe all Americans are innocent until proven guilty. Judges—not unelected bureaucrats at the Justice Department—should decide whether there is probable cause to bar suspected terrorists from purchasing a firearm. The burden of proof on denying constitutional rights should lie with the government and go through a judge.

I support the Republican proposal that unfortunately was voted down by Democrats in the Senate. I urge Democrats in both chambers to set petty politics aside and vote for a solution that will pass constitutional muster.

FAA: It's Time to Fix Your Failed Hiring Social Experiment

I was honored and pleased to be invited to testify at the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's congressional hearing reviewing the FAA's air traffic controller hiring procedures and staffing shortages. As I told the committee, this isn't just about securing a fair job application process or the status quo. **This is about Americans feeling and being safe and secure when flying. This is about transparency and openness from an agency which is accountable to the American people and their representatives.**

[Please click here or the picture below to watch my testimony, read excerpts and obtain full background information on the ongoing troubles at the FAA.](#)



(Click picture to watch video)

Around the District



(Rep. Hultgren tours Follett School Solutions' 375,000 square foot distribution center with McHenry Mayor Sue Low)



(Rep. Hultgren answers questions from Follett School Solutions employees in McHenry)



(Rep. Hultgren meets with BrightStar Care in Gurnee which provides high-quality home care services to families, patients and veterans with a broad spectrum of needs)



(Sycamore residents participate in fire department's "Wet Down" ceremony to christen a new fire engine)



(Rep. Hultgren stands beside new Sycamore fire engine)

Honoring Batavia's "Father of Flag Day"



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Celebrating the Life of Business and Community Leader Ron Bullock



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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

- [Boeing Iran Air deal could include 747-8s](#) (Air Transport World)
- [China's New Supercomputer Puts the US Even Further Behind](#) (WIRED Magazine)
- [Hultgren comments on gun control, terrorism](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [Hultgren Plans Bill to Clarify MA Rule's Requirements for Issuers](#) (The Bond Buyer)
- [Hultgren urges accountability at hearing on FAA hiring practices](#) (McHenry Times)
- [Job Creators Network Applauds New GOP Tax Plan](#) (JCN)
- [Lawmakers Grill FAA Over Controller Hiring Practices](#) (Aviation International News)
- [Op-ed: New tax bill would help struggling labor market](#) (Washington Examiner)
- [Rep. Randy Hultgren talks taxes, obstacles with small-business owners](#) (Shaw Media)
- [Ridiculed screwworm fly scientists posthumously honoured for work on insect control](#) (International Business Times)
- [Shorr Packaging Corp. Commemorates New Headquarters with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#) (Shorr)
- [Sycamore Fire Department celebrates new engine](#) (DeKalb Daily Chronicle)

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