

News from Representative Randy Hultgren



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Dear Friend,

First off, I want to say that I am honored that the citizens of the 14th District put their confidence in me to serve as their representative in Congress for two more years. Even amid challenging situations in Washington, as your voice I have been thrilled to work with you and for you to pass legislation that makes life easier for the people of Illinois and improves opportunity for all Americans to live a meaningful and prosperous life. As we head into the New Year, I am excited to continue the work we started together.

There is still much to do right now during what is called the "lame duck" session of Congress. From funding the government, to passing energy solutions, helping low-income families and promoting transparency and accountability in government, I am here to serve you. Some of the best ideas I bring to Congress come from the people of the 14th District, so please don't hesitate to contact my office with your thoughts, questions, concerns and ideas, using the "Contact" link above.

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[Responding to the President's Unilateral Action on Immigration](#)

The November results sent a clear message, which I heard loud and clear: the American people want their elected leaders to work together to deliver real results that solve the problems facing people all across the country. As I have said before, a broken immigration system is one major issue that Americans want us to work together on. That is why I was astonished by the President's actions this week.

President Obama announced a plan to bypass congress, delay deportations and give work permits to millions of undocumented immigrants. The president himself has admitted repeatedly that this executive action exceeds his own authority, that the Constitution clearly lays out that Congress makes the laws and the president carries them out. I believe Congress should take the lead on immigration reform by securing our borders, improving the visa system, and addressing the many layers of our broken system. The House has put forward several bills which I have supported as part of a step-by-step approach. Don't let the media fool you with their statements that the House has not acted. We have done what the Constitution allows us to do – pass legislation that we had hoped we could negotiate with the Senate. But President Obama and Senator Harry Reid said

[Remembering Former Illinois Congressman Phil Crane](#)

This month we lost former Congressmen Phil Crane, who served in the U.S. House from 1969 to 2005 and represented much of what is now the 14th Congressional District.



(Click picture to watch my floor speech honoring Rep. Crane)



it's the Senate bill or nothing at all. That is not how a true democracy works.

I believe the president's temporary measure, which violates the Constitution and the separation of powers, will only spark chaos and create major problems both now and in the future. Most importantly, this unilateral action—which a majority of Americans oppose—poisons the well of working together to reform our broken system.

We need a real solution, not a quick fix. By blatantly bypassing Congress to execute his illegal executive order, the president is neglecting the interests of the American people, diminishing our national security, undermining the rule of law, and setting back efforts to permanently and meaningfully fix what's broken in the immigration system.

I am still hopeful that we can tackle this important issue in the new Congress, and I look forward to working with a president who works with—not around—the American people and their representatives.

[Opening Up Energy Opportunities with Keystone Pipeline](#)

This month, the House passed H.R. 5682, a bill to approve the application to build the Keystone XL pipeline which, while not a silver bullet to our nation's energy needs, is part of an all-of-the-above approach to gaining energy independence.

Unfortunately the Senate narrowly voted down this important legislation. It is time for a government that works for its citizens and in our clear national interest. The House has acted to represent the American people who support this project. In 2015, let's get this done.

[Ensuring EPA Reveals the Actual Science behind Regulations Placed on Public](#)

When someone accuses you of a crime in a court of law, you have the privilege of hearing the accusations in person with all of the facts made plain. But recently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has repeatedly bypassed the will of the legislature and has failed to be open and transparent about the science they use to place new regulations on Americans.

In a one-two punch, EPA has circumvented Congress by writing its own laws so that Americans—the defendants—have no recourse through a normal legislative process, nor any chance to see what EPA is basing their claims on.

That's why I supported passage of H.R. 4012, the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014, a bill prohibiting the EPA Administrator from creating new regulations unless all scientific and technical information relied on is made publicly available for analysis. H.R. 4012 is a critical step in restoring the public trust in EPA.

Watch my floor speech below for more about this important bill and EPA's overreach.



(Click picture to watch video)

Promoting Food Flavoring and Forklift Manufacturers in 14th District

Every time I visit one of the many flourishing manufacturers in the 14th District, I am amazed by the innovation and expansion that's taking place right here in Illinois. I met with executives and staff at Synergy Flavors in Wauconda, which specializes in flavoring foods from coffee to pie gravy, as well as UniCarriers Americas Corporation in Marengo, which manufactures a complete line of forklifts including the Nissan Forklift. These two are on the front lines of innovation and demonstrate the large potential for a manufacturing resurgence in Illinois.



(At Synergy Flavors, Rep. Hultgren samples a new papaya flavor destined for the Brazilian marketplace)



(Rep. Hultgren test drives a recently assembled forklift at UniCarriers)

I was honored to receive the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence for my record during the 113th Congress. Here's what NAM said in their announcement: "Manufacturers in Illinois and throughout the United States are making a comeback, creating jobs, making more products and making them better than ever before. However, manufacturers are often disproportionately impacted by decisions made by policymakers in Washington. The NAM is proud to stand with lawmakers like Rep. Hultgren who understand what is at stake and seek to implement policies that will foster innovation, growth and competitiveness."

Named "Taxpayer Hero" for Fiscally Responsible Leadership

Washington's fanatical spending culture needs to change, and in Congress I have and will continue to support legislation that cuts unnecessary spending and helps rebuild the trust between taxpayers and the government. I was honored to be named a "Taxpayer Hero" by the Council for Citizens Against

Government Waste (CCAGW) for helping to eliminate wasteful spending, increase transparency, and put a dent on our ever-increasing national debt. I am hopeful that the 114th Congress and the president can work together on a tax reform bill that makes the tax system simpler, fairer and less confusing to Americans.

Educating Veterans and Families on Fraud Protection

Veterans of the Armed Forces and their families face unique challenges when guarding personal and financial information. They should be informed of their rights if victimized by consumer fraud, and given information to prevent such acts from taking place. That's why I was pleased to host a forum in St. Charles for Illinois veterans, their spouses and their families on how to identify and avoid consumer scams.

The forum featured Lt. Col. Richard Todd, U.S. Army Judge Advocate and member of the Military Affairs Committee, and Steve Haubner, Chief of the Military and Veterans Rights Bureau at the Illinois Attorney General's office. These experts helped veterans find local assistance and educated them on protections that are available under state and federal laws.

Now Accepting Intern Applications for Spring 2014

My offices are now accepting applications for spring 2014 semester internships, so please encourage college students or recent graduates you know to think about serving our nation in this important position.

The internship is unpaid and will run approximately from January to May. Academic credit may be available and schedules can be flexible for those with classes or other obligations.

Applicants should email a resume, cover letter and writing sample to email.randy@mail.house.gov by December 1 and specify whether they seek a position for the Geneva or Washington office.

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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