

News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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Dear Friend,

During the August Congressional District Work Period, I traveled throughout our seven counties, meeting with small business and franchise owners, transportation officials, educators and other community leaders to hear about the challenges they face in an uncertain economy and unfriendly regulatory and taxation environment.

I was greatly encouraged by the innovation and entrepreneurship I saw throughout, even amid tough times.

- DeKalb County Board's Economic Development Committee has put in the hard work in a new business incubator to provide space and support to enterprising residents with a great idea and the drive to see it succeed.
- Chicago-based Gogo—a leading in-flight broadband internet service—tests out their products at Aurora Municipal Airport and relies on this full-service facility. During a recent failure of the air conditioning system, air traffic controllers persevered through 100 degree conditions to keep planes safely flying in and out of the airport.
- Domino's franchise owner Reece Arroyave is breaking out of the delivery-centric model by opening dine-in stores to attract new customers.

- Woodstock-based Dougherty Enterprises is pushing the boundaries on everything from keepsake jewelry to wedding venues to mobile ID systems.
- Members of the Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce are thriving, especially when the federal government gets out of the way.
- Educating our next generation of innovators and job-creators is happening at places like DeVry University with campuses throughout the Chicago area. They rely on a steady enrollment and flexibility from government mandates to ensure they can best serve the needs of their unique student population.

In Congress, I will continue to support these career and educational opportunities for our residents, including with legislation such as:

- [H.R. 5374, the Bring Small Businesses Back Tax Reform Act](#), my bill which provides immediate tax relief and reduces administrative burdens for small businesses looking to grow and hire more workers.
- [H.R. 5838, the Transparency in Student Lending Act](#), my bill which aims to provide more information to consumers planning for college loans.

Below are some visit highlights.



Rep. Hultgren makes pizza during lunch hour at Domino's Woodstock location.



MARR Chicago Pizza owns franchises throughout the 14th District, providing food and jobs to Illinois residents.



Rep. Hultgren shares lunch with owner Reece Arroyave at Domino's new dine-in concept store. Among other issues, they discussed franchise laws, joint employers and responsibility for employees.



Rep. Hultgren cuts the ribbon with Illinois State Representative Tom Demmer, DeKalb County Board Chairman Mark Pietrowski Jr., State Representative Robert Pritchard and DeKalb County Business Incubator Coordinator Mary Supple. The Incubator is a state-of-the-art facility aimed at encouraging and supporting the inception and growth of new businesses that innovate and create jobs in the area.



Rep. Hultgren visits the air traffic control tower at Aurora Municipal Airport, which averages 450 corporate flights daily and is the only Chicago-area airport with direct tollway access. [Hultgren has been a leader in Congress fighting for air travel safety and fair hiring procedures for our nation's air traffic controllers.](#)



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Rep. Hultgren meets with DeVry faculty and staff at their Naperville campus. DeVry DeVry institutions serve more than 700 of 14th District residents online and at their Chamberlain College of Nursing and DeVry University campuses.

In Your Service,

Randy Hultgren
Member of Congress
14th District, Illinois

Randy in the News

- [Congressman Hultgren Says Feds Must Disclose Payback Requirements on Student Loans](#) (1340 WJOL)
- [DeKalb County Opens New Business Incubator](#) (WSPY News)
- [DeKalb County to get higher rates in Obamacare marketplace next year](#) (DeKalb County Chronicle)
- [Hultgren calls on Congress to ease burden of rising health care coverage](#) (McHenry Times)
- [Hultgren initiative to reform FAA hiring practices for air traffic controllers signed into law](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren introduces bill to promote transparency in federal student loans](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren pushes for reforms to hold government accountable for costly regulations](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Hultgren solicits ideas from community leaders about heroin, opioid epidemic in northern Illinois](#) (Ripon Advance)
- [Is a Little Radiation So Bad?](#) (Wall Street Journal)
- [Letter: Conventions should address small-business issues](#) (Palm Beach Post)
- [McHenry County gets one insurer, higher rates in Obamacare marketplace next year](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Op-ed: Federal and state threats to small businesses](#) (The Hill)
- [Op-ed: How to stop the next Bernie Madoff](#) (The Guardian)
- [This bill aims to ensure charities can help people pay medical bills](#) (EWTN News)
- [U.S. Rep. Randy Hultgren works cash register during visit to Plano store](#) (Northwest Herald)

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