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Rep. Gary Miller Addresses Local Business Leaders

Washington, DC - This morning, Congressman Gary Miller addressed the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce to provide a Washington update for local business owners. In his remarks, he discussed the minimum wage, tax relief, and affordable health care. Congressman Miller cautioned that “there will be many issues that come to the floor this year that will directly impact the bottom lines of small businesses in our community.”

Each year, small businesses with fewer than 20 employees face regulatory costs of almost \$7,000 per employee per year. Observed Congressman Miller, “This is time and money that could better be spent expanding their operations. All too often, small businesses are burdened with crushing government regulations that stifle, rather than enhance, their ability to do business.” The Congressman then went on to outline efforts under way in Washington to reduce the tax burden on local job creators and increase the availability of health insurance.

Recently, Congressman Miller was honored by the U.S Chamber of Commerce with its prestigious “Spirit of Enterprise” award in recognition of his strong voting record on issues of importance to local business owners. The award is given annually to Members of Congress who have consistently supported pro-growth policies beneficial to America’s small businesses.

“Rep. Miller proved to be a valuable ally to the business community last year, supporting measures to stimulate job creation and spur economic growth,” said Tom Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He added, “The business community appreciates Gary’s dedication to a pro-growth agenda.”

For 93 years, the Whittier Area Chamber of Commerce has advocated for the needs of local businesses. It includes more than 750 local businesses as members.

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