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Majority Votes to Increase Taxes Beginning January 1

Beginning January 1, 2011, every family, small business owner, and investor will see their taxes dramatically increase. While Congress had the opportunity all year to address this looming issue, the Majority focused their time and effort on passing special interest legislation such as the so-called stimulus, government-run health care and cap-and-trade legislation. On Thursday, House Democrats continued this trend by strategically voting to increase taxes on certain small businesses and families, which will essentially raise taxes on half of all small business income. According to the National Federation of Independent Business, the businesses most likely to face a tax increase by raising the top two rates are businesses employing between 20 and 250 employees. What is more, according to U.S. Census data businesses with between 20 and 299 workers employ more than 25 percent of the total workforce. As a result of these tax hikes, the Heritage Foundation estimates that the 42nd Congressional District will lose on average 1,642 jobs each year between 2011 and 2020; there will be an annual loss of \$6,834 in personal disposable income; and there will be a total tax increase of \$1.4 billion. Simply put, higher taxes on small businesses mean these employers will have fewer resources to sustain their businesses and hire new workers. During these times of economic uncertainty, Congressman Miller now more than ever opposes increasing taxes. As a result, he voted against this tax hike.

Congressman Miller Urges Administration to Enforce All Federal Immigration Law

This week, Congressman Miller and several colleagues sent a letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency urging the administration to enforce all federal immigration laws, not just a select few. Over the years, ICE has developed a system in which it prioritizes the deportation of illegal immigrants who are dangerous or have committed serious crimes. While there is good reason to prioritize the removal of illegal aliens who pose a danger to our communities, it would be unconscionable to simply abandon enforcement against all but violent criminals. However, the implementation of this policy under the Obama administration has excessively limited enforcement against virtually all other immigration lawbreakers. As a result, when local law enforcement agencies report illegal aliens to ICE, more often than not ICE refuses to take them into custody because they are not classified as dangerous or serious criminals. Consequently, non-criminal illegal alien deportations plummeted by 30 percent in FY 2010. While serious criminals should be prioritized for removal, Congressman Miller believes the administration needs to do more than just enforce a few immigration laws. To read the letter, [click here](#). To read his recent column on this issue, [click here](#).

Majority Continues to Press for Vote on the DREAM Act

As both the Obama administration and Congressional Democrats have vowed to take up amnesty legislation known as the DREAM Act during the lame duck session, this week the Majority rolled out its fifth version of the DREAM Act. While each version is somewhat different, in summary the DREAM Act subsidizes education for illegal immigrants who arrived in the United States before age 16 and grants them mass amnesty, thereby encouraging more illegal immigration and inevitably taking jobs from America workers. According to a recent study, the DREAM Act could mean mass amnesty for over two million illegal immigrants. Once the DREAM Act's amnesty recipients become citizens and turn 21, they can sponsor their illegal immigrant parents for legalization. Although proponents of the DREAM Act claim it is for 'kids,' in reality one version of the bill grants amnesty to those under the age of 35 and another version contains no age limit. Congressman Miller is opposed to this misguided bill and will continue his fight against this and other amnesty proposals.

House Passes Overreaching Child Nutrition Bill

The House on Thursday passed legislation that will dramatically expand the number and scope of federal meal plans by adding billions in new spending, layers of new government mandates, and heavy burdens on states and schools because of pet projects and federal bureaucracy. All in all, the legislation authorizes \$4.5 billion in new mandatory spending to reauthorize federal child nutrition programs through 2015. Among the new programs and federal mandates included in the bill are federal nutrition standards for all foods sold in schools, including baked goods for fundraisers and concessions at sporting events; a federal price floor for paid lunches; an organic food pilot program; and federalized “local wellness policies” with additional new school reporting requirements. While Congressman Miller supports healthy meal choices for our nation’s children, he opposed the bill because it does not include critical reforms and greatly increases the presence of the federal government in local decisions.

District Office Internships Available

Congressman Miller is accepting internship applications from college students to work in his Brea office for the spring semester. A Congressional internship offers students the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge of the operations of the federal government, constituent services, and intergovernmental relations. Responsibilities include front desk reception, providing phone support, constituent services, processing mail, conducting research, and working with the staff on special projects. Consideration will be given to reliable, motivated individuals with excellent written and verbal communication skills. A strong work ethic and ability to handle multiple tasks are essential qualities. This is an unpaid position. For more information, please call Congressman Miller’s Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

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