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ObamaCare's First Tax Increase in Effect

This Thursday, the government-run health care law's first tax went into effect. This \$2.7 billion tax adds 10 percent to the cost of tanning services businesses provide and is the first of the health care law's \$569 billion tax increase. This new tax will hit approximately 30 million Americans who visit a tanning salon at least once a year. In addition, out of the approximately 19,000 professional indoor tanning salons in the United States, more than 50 percent are owned by women and employ approximately 160,000 workers. Congressman Miller believes it is wrong to increase taxes on the American people, especially when the taxes are used for unconstitutional purposes. He will continue to support the repeal of the health care law and will work with his colleagues to enact market-based solutions to reduce the cost of health care for all Americans.

Congressman Miller Pushes Back on Renewed Calls for Amnesty Legislation

As President Obama on Thursday renewed his call for so-called comprehensive immigration reform, Congressman Miller, who is a co-chair of the Reclaim American Jobs Caucus, pushed back on efforts to grant illegal immigrants amnesty. As the national unemployment rate continues to hover around 10 percent, it is incomprehensible that the Administration is renewing its call for so-called comprehensive immigration reform. Currently, it is estimated that 15 million Americans are unemployed while 8 million illegal immigrants are employed. In fact, the number of illegal immigrants in the labor force equals more than half of the total number of unemployed in 16 states and the District of Columbia, including California. At the same rate, the Administration has slashed worksite enforcement efforts—administrative arrests are down 81% from 2008, criminal arrests are down 67%, indictments are down 73% and convictions are down 75%. Rather than place illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship, Congressman Miller supports enforcing existing immigration laws and closing loopholes that facilitate this ongoing problem. To view the Reclaim American Jobs Caucus' statement on the President's speech, [click here](#).

House Approves Massive Financial Regulation Overhaul

This week, the House passed the Democrats' 2,300 page conference report to overhaul our nation's financial services sector which will kill more American jobs, tie up capital, and ultimately hinder our nation's economic prosperity and freedom. Among its many provisions, this legislation establishes a permanent bailout authority by codifying the powers used by the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve to throw taxpayer-funded lifelines to the creditors and counterparties of failed Wall Street firms during the recent financial market turmoil. This legislation also breaks our promise to the American people to end the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) and use all TARP repayments to pay down the national debt. Although the bill ends TARP, the Majority has now decided to use all TARP repayments for more federal spending. In addition, the bill follows an unsettling trend led by the Administration and Majority to vastly expand the federal government and empower Washington bureaucrats through the creation of yet another federal agency to dictate the terms and types of credit products. This simply undermines the ability of Americans to have the best financial product at the most competitive price. Like the Democrats' Washington takeover of health care and cap-and-trade bill, the financial overhaul package will harm our economy and increase the size and scope of the federal bureaucracy. While Congressman Miller is committed to reforming our nation's financial services sector, he opposed this legislation because it does not address the real factors that led to the current economic turbulence. To watch his Floor speech on this bill, [click here](#).

Supreme Court Applies Second Amendment to State and Local Governments

In the case of *McDonald v. Chicago*, the Supreme Court this week ruled 5-4 that the Second Amendment applies to state and local governments. This decision resolved conflicts between certain Chicago gun restrictions and the Second Amendment. Specifically, the Supreme Court held that the right of an individual to keep and bear arms under the Second Amendment is incorporated by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and applies to the states. Congressman Miller believes firmly that no state has the right to legislate away the Constitutional right of every law-abiding American to protect their life and liberty, and applauds the Supreme Court for upholding the Constitution.

Summer Travel Plans?

As summer travel season is getting started, it is a good idea for constituents with international travel plans to check document requirements for travel to foreign countries. Visit the U.S. Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov to learn about country-specific information, entry/exit requirements, travel alerts, and travel warnings. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection is reminding travelers that the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) requires U.S. citizens 16 and older to present a valid and acceptable travel document that denotes both identity and citizenship when entering the U.S. by land or sea. This initiative was approved by Congress to enhance security at our nation's borders by strengthening identification requirements. U.S. citizens under the age of 16 may present a birth certificate. If you are traveling to Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean, be sure to visit the WHTI website at www.getyouhome.gov to learn about U.S. border crossing requirements. If you are in need of a passport, be sure to apply before the fee goes up. Effective Tuesday, July 13, 2010 the price of a U.S. Passport Book, U.S. Passport Card, and other passport services will increase. To learn more about the adjusted fees and information on obtaining a U.S. Passport please visit the Passport section on the U.S. Department of State's website at www.travel.state.gov. For additional information please feel free to contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

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