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Welcome to Your New Health Care System: 159 New Board, Bureaucracies, and Programs

This week, a [new chart](#) has been unveiled detailing the vast expansion and layers of bureaucracy under the new government-run health care system. Under ObamaCare, 159 new boards, bureaucracies, and programs – including a new entitlement program – will impact the quality of health care for every American. The cost of these new programs is expected to exceed \$2.6 trillion in the first ten years of full implementation. Among these numerous bureaucracies is the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which will have to make recommended cuts to Medicare provider payments once Medicare exceeds certain levels. Congressman Miller opposes the overreaching mandates and expansion of the federal bureaucracy contained in the new government-run health care system and will continue his fight to repeal the law.

The Administration's Double Standard on Arizona's Law and Sanctuary Cities

Recently, the Department of Justice (DOJ), under the direction of the Obama administration, has filed a lawsuit challenging the recently enacted Arizona immigration law for merely enforcing federal immigration law. However, at the same time, DOJ has announced that it will not go after sanctuary cities for blatantly defying those same immigration laws. To remedy this double standard, Congressman Miller joined several colleagues last week in introducing the Sanctuary City Prevention Act. This legislation would prevent the participation of the Attorney General in any lawsuit that seeks to invalidate the Arizona immigration law without first going after lawbreaking sanctuary cities. As a federal judge ruled this week to enjoin certain provisions of the Arizona immigration law from taking effect, Congressman Miller will continue to stand by Arizona and other states that seek to protect their residents from crimes related to illegal immigration, drug trafficking, and human smuggling.

Just Around the Corner: The Largest Tax Hikes in History

On January 1, 2011, scores of economy-crippling tax increases are scheduled to take effect and will impact every single American family, business owner, and investor. Among these tax increases are personal income tax hikes. The lowest-income taxpayers will get bumped from 10% to 15%, the top income tax rate will rise from 35% to 39.6%, which is also the rate at which two-thirds of small business profits are taxed. In addition, all tax rates in between will also rise from 25% to 28%, 28% to 31%, and 35% to 36%. Simply put, these personal income tax hikes will mean less money for you and your family. It also means that small businesses will have decreased access to their own capital, which could result in job losses and an even weaker economy. Some of the other tax hikes include higher taxes on savings and investments, the reinstatement of the death tax and marriage penalty, and the alternative minimum tax. While this sounds bad enough, it's just the beginning—there are several other tax increases just around the corner. With less than five months remaining until the largest tax hike in American history takes effect, Congressman Miller will fight to prevent these tax increases from being implemented. To learn more about these looming tax increases and Congressman Miller's solutions, read his [August column](#).

House Approves Two Bills to Fund Our Nation's Troops and Veterans

This week, the House cleared two measures for our nation's troops and veterans. The first bill provides necessary war funding and essential support for our nation's military – without arbitrary benchmarks or timetables that would tie the hands of our military commanders – and much needed assistance for several other emergency needs through the end of the year. For the men and women in uniform fighting in the defense of freedom, this troop funding bill is long overdue. Although the President had requested emergency funding in February, House Democrats have finally brought a clean version of the bill after multiple and convoluted attempts to attach expensive and controversial items on the legislation. The second bill provides funding for military construction projects and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for Fiscal Year 2011. Specifically, this legislation provides \$68.8 billion for the VA, of which \$48.8 is for veterans health programs and \$10.4 billion is for the Post-9/11 GI Benefits program. Our nation owes an incredible debt of gratitude to all the brave men and women who have fought – and continue to fight – for our freedom, and Congressman Miller was proud to support these two bills.