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Administration Again Delays Rule Requiring Federal Contractors to Use E-Verify

This week, Congressman Miller joined over fifty of his colleagues in sending a letter to President Obama and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano opposing the Administration's recent decision to delay for a third time the implementation date for its rule requiring federal contractors to use E-Verify until September 8, 2009. The original implementation date was January 15, 2009. E-Verify is a successful and commonsense program which checks workers' names and Social Security numbers to confirm employment eligibility and enjoys a success rate of 99.6 percent. While it is estimated that eight million illegals are currently employed in the United States while thirteen million Americans are unemployed, Congressman Miller believes firmly that the federal government should protect American workers and set the example in the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. He will continue to advocate for the expansion and long-term reauthorization of this important program.

House Passes Fiscally and Socially Irresponsible Foreign Relations Bill

The House on Wednesday passed the Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011. Specifically, this legislation authorizes a whopping \$18 billion in Fiscal Year 2010, which is more than a 13 percent increase from last year's funding levels, for programs at the State Department, Peace Corps, the United Nations, peacekeeping dues, and other diplomatic programs. Specifically, the bill authorizes \$7.3 billion for the State Department, including funds to hire an additional 1,500 Foreign Service Officers and increase their salaries by 20 percent; provides \$120 million to create a new study abroad program for college students; and increases funding for the Peace Corps by nearly a third. In addition to these fiscally irresponsible provisions, the bill also increases U.S. contributions to the United Nations and their proxy organizations while including no prerequisites to reform the bloated and unaccountable U.N. system. The bill also contains some troubling social provisions, among which create a new Office for Global Women's Issues, which essentially will advocate for abortions overseas, and require Foreign Service Officers to advocate for changes in foreign laws and promote a social policy that remains disputed within our own country. Congressman Miller opposed this legislation because it dramatically increases funding for foreign countries during an economic downturn, requires little accountability at the United Nations, and promotes a questionable social agenda.

Congressman Miller's Homeownership Resolution Passes the House

This week, the House passed legislation authored by Congressman Miller to recognize June as National Homeownership Month. The resolution recognizes the importance of homeownership in building strong communities and families across the United States. Despite the current crisis in the housing sector, homeownership has historically been the single largest creator of wealth for most Americans. Not only does homeownership provide economic security by building wealth over time, it also strengthens and builds communities. He is proud to recognize National Homeownership Month because he believes that for millions of families across this country, a home is more than just the symbol of the American Dream; it is the backbone of the American way of life. In the coming months, he will continue working to increase the availability of safe, affordable mortgages in Southern California as well as expand the first-time homebuyer tax credit to ensure more families can not only achieve, but maintain the dream of homeownership.

Congressman Miller Congratulates Military Academy Appointees

Congressman Miller would like to congratulate seventeen district high school and college students that have been selected to attend a Military Academy this year. Attending the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY will be Danielle Myers of Yorba Linda, Joseph Chang of Brea, Alyssa Tran of Yorba Linda, and John Moon of Rowland Heights. Leaving for the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD will be Paul Loeffler of Anaheim, Anthony Robinson of Yorba Linda, and Chloe Staab of Chino Hills. Enrolling at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO will be Kyle Lengyel of Diamond Bar, Kenneth Serafinko of Chino Hills, James Okamoto of Yorba Linda, Daniel Beckman of Chino Hills, Matthew Howard of Anaheim, Jeremy Krohngold of Trabuco Canyon, Brett Gudim of Rancho Santa Margarita, Todd Del Toro and Ryan Jenner, both of Mission Viejo. Attending the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY will be Dustin Downing of Anaheim. Congressman Miller commends these bright and dedicated young individuals for answering their country's call to service.