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House GOP Force Vote on Repealing Health Care Law's Individual Mandate

This week, House Republicans forced a vote to repeal the requirement forcing Americans to buy government-approved health insurance, also known as the individual mandate. Since the enactment of the government-run health care bill, twenty states and the National Federation of Independent Business filed a lawsuit arguing that the individual mandate is unconstitutional because it violates basic principles of freedom and individual choice. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that in 2016, the individual mandate tax penalty will fall hardest on middle- and low-income Americans. In fact, over 75 percent of Americans who pay this tax will have household incomes below 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. In addition, as the Democrats' health care law is expected to increase health premiums by up to 13 percent, it will become more and more unaffordable for American families to comply with the mandate. Although the proposal was rejected by a vote of 187-230, repealing the individual mandate would have reduced the need to hire thousands of additional IRS employees to enforce the new health care law, and would have also reduced the deficit by \$252 billion because if individuals are not forced to buy insurance, they also will not be forced to accept taxpayer-funded subsidies to help them afford that insurance. Congressman Miller is disappointed the House did not repeal the individual mandate but he will continue his fight to repeal the health care law.

The Majority Perpetuates Culture of Bailouts by Approving TARP 3.0

By a party-line vote of 241-182, the House on Thursday approved legislation – also known as TARP 3.0 – to create a \$32 billion lending program and authorizes the Treasury Secretary to make capital investment in banks with less than \$10 billion in assets. Although the bill is being promoted as necessary to increase the availability of credit for small businesses, it represents yet another bailout program that would deepen the nation's debt problems and provide no long-term incentives to create jobs. Additionally, TARP 3.0 unnecessarily duplicates the goal of the original \$700 billion TARP program—to generate lending. What is more, according to a recent survey by the National Federation of Independent Business, 8 percent of the small businesses surveyed cited a lack of credit as an immediate problem, but more than 22 percent cited uncertainty about the economy as an immediate problem. In other words, small businesses are suffering due to the government's intervention in the marketplace. Because this legislation perpetuates a culture of bailouts and does not address more pertinent issues facing small businesses, Congressman Miller opposed this legislation. In the meantime, he will keep working with his colleagues in Congress to enact fast-acting tax relief so that small businesses have increased access to their own capital.

Congressman Miller Supports Arizona Efforts to Deny Citizenship to Anchor Babies

The author of the Arizona immigration law, State Senator Russell Pearce, will soon introduce legislation in the Arizona State Senate to deny citizenship to anchor babies. Birthright citizenship is yet another loophole in our laws that encourages and facilitates illegal immigration. In fact, approximately 200,000 to 300,000 babies are born to illegal immigrants each year. By granting children of illegal immigrants citizenship, the child can eventually anchor an entire family in the United States, even though they gained access to our nation illegally. In addition, the child – and potentially their family – will have access to a wide array of taxpayer-funded benefits, including access to a U.S. education and recently enacted government-run health care. It is unfair to grant birthright citizenship to children of illegal immigrants because it undermines the intention of the 14th Amendment and rewards those that have recklessly broken our nation's immigration laws. Congressman Miller is the first sponsor of House legislation which would deny citizenship to anchor babies and spoke to Senator Pearce this week about efforts to end this practice. Congressman Miller commends Senator Pearce for his efforts to close this loophole at the state level and looks forward to working with him on this issue.

Reclaim American Jobs Caucus: U.S. Challenge to 2007 Arizona Law Is Baseless

This week, Congressman Gary Miller and the Congressional Reclaim American Jobs Caucus sent a letter to Attorney General Holder regarding a 2007 Arizona law that prevents illegal immigrants from being hired in the state. The Acting Solicitor General has filed an amicus curiae brief with the Supreme Court supporting a writ of certiorari in the case of *Chamber of Commerce v. Candelaria*, in which the Administration argues that Arizona's law revoking the business licenses of businesses that knowingly employ illegal immigrants is unconstitutional. However, federal law explicitly allows states to revoke business licenses for employers that knowingly hire illegal immigrants. Congressman Miller finds it outrageous that the Administration would seek to undermine Arizona's efforts to protect legal workers and has requested that it withdraw its baseless brief. To read the letter, [click here](#).

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