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House Passes Congressman Miller's Bill to Terminate Ineffective HUD Program

On Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed a bill authored by Congressman Miller to prevent an additional \$1 billion from being spent to continue the troubled Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Despite spending nearly \$6 billion of taxpayer funds, the NSP has not helped one single American who has fallen on hard times remain in their home. While the program was intended to be a one-time effort to assist communities and neighborhoods hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis, there have been serious questions regarding the fair allocation of NSP funds. For example, one non-governmental entity, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc., received \$137 million through the NSP— more than double the \$63.8 million awarded to Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Orange counties combined through three rounds of NSP funding. Another non-governmental group, the Community Builders Inc., received \$78.6 million. Meanwhile, the Administration has been unable to ensure that adequate oversight and tracking procedures are in place to ensure that taxpayer dollars are not wasted or abused. According to the Inspector General at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, there have been multiple cases where NSP funds have been misused or improperly obligated. At a time when many Americans continue to struggle to make ends meet and our national debt continues to soar, Congressman Miller is pleased that the House voted to terminate the failed NSP which does nothing to help struggling homeowners and has proven to be just another unaccountable government handout.

Congressman Miller Reintroduces Sweeping Immigration Legislation

To address our nation's immigration crisis, Congressman Miller has reintroduced the Loophole Elimination and Verification Enforcement Act, also known as the LEAVE Act. Each year, California households pay an average of \$1,183 to provide health care, education, and incarceration to illegal immigrants. In these economically challenging times, there is no reason that hard-working California families should be forced to bear these costs. The LEAVE Act takes an enforcement first approach to solve these problems by removing the incentives and loopholes in our current laws that encourage illegal aliens to come to the United States to live, work, and overstay their visas. In addition, this sweeping legislation gives law enforcement the tools they need to protect our nation and communities. Among its many provisions, the LEAVE Act dramatically tightens the forms of identification that may be accepted by the federal government and financial institutions; expands the E-Verify program to require all employers to confirm the work eligibility of their employees; and prevents illegals from receiving Social Security credit for illegally working in the United States. The LEAVE Act also ends birthright citizenship, excludes illegals from receiving in-state college tuition, requires the completion of the border fence, and mandates the hiring of 8,000 new Border Patrol agents by 2015. Congressman Miller is proud to reintroduce the LEAVE Act because he believes it is critical that we reduce our nation's illegal immigrant population.

House Votes to De-Fund National Public Radio

This week, the House passed legislation to eliminate taxpayer funding of National Public Radio (NPR) and prohibit public radio stations from using federal funds to acquire or produce any radio content. As the national debt quickly approaches its legal limit and our country continues to borrow forty cents for every federal dollar spent, Congressman Miller believes we can no longer afford to subsidize NPR, which received in the last fiscal year a substantial amount of funding, \$119 million, from private donations, grants, charitable contributions, and investments. While NPR and other public broadcasting outlets were initially established when there were few programming options, today Americans have greater access to a diverse

range of entertainment and news programs then ever before. The Congressman believes it is time for NPR to stand on its own and compete in the marketplace.

To Avoid Government Shutdown, House Passes 3-Week Funding Extension

On Tuesday, the House passed a short term funding measure to keep the government operating through April 8, 2011, while cutting \$6 billion from current spending levels. Because the previous Congress failed to even consider a budget for Fiscal Year 2011, this extension was necessary to avoid a government shutdown as congressional Democrats remain staunchly opposed to making deeper spending cuts that are necessary to restoring our nation's fiscal health. In February, Congressman Miller strongly supported passage of a continuing resolution that would fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year, slash tens of billions of dollars of federal spending, deny federal funds for the Democrat health care law, and prevent the implementation of job-killing greenhouse gas regulations. Unfortunately, the United States Senate rejected this common-sense proposal. As Congress continues to work towards a resolution to this frustrating situation and fund the government for the rest of the fiscal year, Congressman Miller will continue to urge his colleagues on the other side of the aisle to work with the House Majority to make the difficult choices necessary to reduce our national debt and get our fiscal house back in order.

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