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Congressman Miller Supports Repeal of Government-Run Health Care Bill

Following the enactment of the government-run health care legislation on Tuesday, Congressman Miller joined dozens of his colleagues this week in introducing legislation to repeal this misguided and constitutionally questionable legislation. In addition, because the legislation imposes a 2 percent tax on individuals that do not purchase health care and contains a plethora of unfunded mandates on states, he joined several colleagues in commending the states that have resisted the implementation of the health care bill. To date, almost 40 states have proposed measures challenging the constitutionality of the individual mandates and unfunded mandates contained in the health care bill. Because Congress has never before mandated that an individual purchase something from another person, Congressman Miller believes firmly that the enacted government-run health care system is an unconstitutional overreach of authority and that it severely undermines the individual liberty of every American. To this end, he will fight to repeal this misguided legislation – which is estimated to increase premiums by 10 to 13 percent – and replace it with meaningful solutions that make health care more affordable and accessible for all Americans.

So-Called 'Jobs' Package 4.0 Passed by House

On Wednesday, the House passed for the fourth time another so-called Democrat 'jobs' measure, which is in addition to the enacted \$787 billion stimulus package, the \$154 billion 'jobs' bill passed in December, and the \$17.6 billion 'jobs' legislation passed earlier this month. According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the bill provides \$16.75 billion in narrow, limited tax relief but raises \$16.83 billion in new taxes. Unfortunately, roughly 80 percent of the bill's tax relief goes to state and local governments rather than job-creating small businesses. This is disconcerting because 8.5 million jobs in the private sector have been lost over the past two years while government jobs have increased by 100,000. What is worse, the bill contains provisions that could exacerbate the unemployment crisis. Specifically, the legislation contains a highly controversial \$7.7 billion tax increase on U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies located in the United States and employing American workers. Taxing these employers and these jobs could compel these companies to move overseas. Because the measure contains no meaningful job creating provisions, Congressman Miller opposed the legislation.

House Approves Miscellaneous Appropriations Bill Under Guise of Emergency

The House on Wednesday passed a miscellaneous appropriations bill under emergency spending procedures. Specifically, the bill allocates \$600 million for a "Summer Youth Jobs" grant program within the Department of Labor, which is in addition to \$1.4 billion the program received last year; \$20 billion to extend a Small Business Administration loan guarantee program; and \$5.1 billion to FEMA for natural disaster recovery, including \$1.2 billion in arbitration settlements from hurricanes Katrina and Rita. While providing relief to Americans suffering from natural disasters is a responsible and worthy use of taxpayer dollars, Congressman Miller believes Congress should not use a disaster relief bill to carry millions in funding for a temporary, politically inspired "jobs" program – especially when there is already at least \$1.4 billion in unused funds in the pipeline for this program already. As our nation is in dire financial straits, Congressman Miller opposed this bill because it relies on billions more in borrowed spending.

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