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House Votes to Repeal Job-Killing 1099 Reporting Nightmare

This week, the House Republican Majority passed legislation to repeal some of the most onerous requirements imposed on American employers and taxpayers by the Democrat-led 111th Congress. Specifically, H.R. 4, the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act, repeals a provision of ObamaCare that requires business owners to submit a separate 1099 tax form for every single business-to-business transaction that exceeds \$600 in a given year beginning in 2012. If allowed to take effect, this requirement will impose a tremendous compliance burden on nearly 40 million businesses, forcing them to divert resources from expanding and creating jobs to filling out excessive tax forms. In addition, H.R. 4 also repeals a further expansion of the 1099 requirement that was included in a small business lending law enacted in September 2010 requiring recipients of rental income to report expense payments on their rental property. As such, individuals and families who rent out their property – even just a spare bedroom – would be required to file a 1099 form for payments made in excess of \$600 in a given year for basic home improvement and maintenance services, such as plumbing or roof repairs, lawn care, or cleaning services. Congressman Miller strongly supported the passage of H.R. 4 and will continue to fight all excessive mandates and burdens on job creators and hard-working American taxpayers.

Two-Week Continuing Resolution Enacted, Saves \$4 Billion in FY 2011

Two weeks ago, House Republicans passed H.R. 1, a continuing resolution (CR) to fund government operations through the end of Fiscal Year 2011 with responsible spending reductions. However, Senate Democrats' have insisted upon maintaining current bloated spending levels and have refused to consider this measure that would cut \$100 billion in government spending. As discussions concerning funding for Fiscal Year 2011 continue, this week the House and Senate passed and President Obama signed into law a two-week extension to ensure that the government will continue to operate through March 18th, 2011. While not ideal, Congressman Miller hopes that this temporary extension, which includes \$4 billion in savings, will give the Senate sufficient time to reconsider H.R.1, and to work with the House Majority to make the tough, but necessary, decisions to get government spending under control and reduce our nation's unsustainable debt.

Transportation Committee Questions EPA's Efforts to Change its Rulemaking Process

This week, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee questioned officials from the Environmental Protection Agency about plans to bypass the process for changing EPA rules without following a proper, transparent rulemaking process. Many of these efforts are based on questionable science and will increase the regulatory burdens on small businesses as well as states and local governments. Just as our nation is trying to recover from the recession, it appears that the Obama Administration is doing all it can to make it harder for American businesses to survive. In spite of President Obama's recent order to all federal agencies to review current federal regulations and to eliminate those that are stifling job creation, this Administration has issued 121 new major regulations in the last two years. New regulatory burdens hinder growth and put our businesses at a competitive disadvantage to others around the world. Congressman Miller will continue to stand on the side of American recovery and oppose excessive efforts that will further slow our economy.

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