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### **CBO Analysis Finds \$115 Billion in Additional Costs in ObamaCare**

This week, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) updated their discretionary spending estimate for the Democrats' massive health care overhaul, tacking on an additional \$115 billion in taxpayer dollars to the price tag. The CBO's analysis means that the cost of the job-killing health care law will exceed \$1 trillion, which is well above President Obama's price tag of around \$900 billion. However, since CBO cannot provide an estimate on an additional 52 line items that are left up to the Administration, the actual cost of the bill is expected to exceed \$1 trillion. Some of these items include "community transformation grants," a "program for education and training in pain care," "shared decision making," the "national independent monitor demonstration project," and "demonstration to provide access to affordable care." This CBO report comes just weeks after CBO confirmed the government-run health care law will actually increase Americans' health care costs by \$2,100 annually. Because the health care law spends an outrageous amount of taxpayer dollars without making health care more affordable for Americans, Congressman Miller continues to oppose this law and fight for its repeal. Instead of squandering a record amount of taxpayer dollars, he supports health care legislation that spends less taxpayer dollars and actually reduces the cost of health care for all Americans.

### **Congressman Miller Blasts Los Angeles' Boycott of Arizona**

On Wednesday, the Los Angeles City Council voted 13-1 to ban official travel to Arizona and block future contracts with companies there in protest of its new immigration law. Congressman Miller believes this boycott is an insult to American citizens and legal immigrants. The boycott could crush important industries that are helping America's economy recover. More specifically, this shortsighted move could stop airline contracts at LAX, cancel over \$25 million in Clean Truck Program contracts, and cancel important forensics and law enforcement tools. Ultimately, the boycott undermines the rule of law and will further communicate to illegal immigrants that they can come live, work, and soak up taxpayer-funded resources in California. Because the federal government has failed to address illegal immigration and border security problems, Congressman Miller believes firmly the state of Arizona has a duty to protect its citizens from these ongoing and escalating issues. Today, he will appear on Fox News with Neil Cavuto at 1:00pm PST to discuss this issue.

### **Congressman Miller Supports Legislation Allowing Border Patrol to Do Its Job**

Recently, Congressman Miller cosponsored legislation to prohibit the Department of the Interior (DOI) from using environmental regulations to hinder the U.S. Border Patrol from securing our border on federal lands. Currently, some of the most dangerous areas along the U.S.-Mexico border are the 20.7 million acres of DOI and U.S. Forest Service land. Although violence has escalated along the Southwest border, DOI has deliberately taken steps to prevent the Border Patrol from securing our nation's border on federal lands, claiming the Wilderness Act of 1964 trumps border security legislation passed by Congress. To address this issue, the legislation Congressman Miller has cosponsored would ensure that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Border Patrol are permitted to assert operational control over the border in order to carry out their mission as mandated by Congress. The bill would free DHS and Border Patrol from bureaucratic interferences that currently impact their ability to effectively secure the border on public land. At a time when drug-related violence is threatening to spill over into the United States, he believes it is unacceptable that DOI is hindering Border Patrol agents from safeguarding our nation from this real and prevalent threat.

### **Full Funding for SCAAP Sought by Congressman Miller and Colleagues**

This week, Congressman Miller and over 30 of his colleagues sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee requesting the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) be fully funded at its authorized level of \$950 million during Fiscal Year 2011. This important program reimburses states for the costs of incarcerating illegal criminal aliens. Earlier this year, the Administration proposed to fund SCAAP at only \$330 million, which is a far cry from what is actually needed to reduce the burden on state and local governments. In 2005, a Government Accountability Office report found that states spend more than \$1.7 billion each year to incarcerate criminal aliens, and Congress has only reimbursed about 20 percent of these local expenditures over the years through SCAAP. The difference between actual expenditures and the SCAAP reimbursement level is particularly dramatic for California, which has the largest number of incarcerated illegal criminal aliens of any state in the nation. This year, the cost to California alone is estimated to be \$900 million. At a time when California is experiencing unprecedented budget challenges, Congressman Miller will continue to work with his colleagues to fully fund SCAAP at its authorized level.

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