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NFIB Confirms Obamacare is Bad for Workers

Recently, the nation's leading small business organization, the National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB), joined 20 state attorneys general in seeking to invalidate the recently enacted government-run health care law. This is confirmation for every person worried about their job or looking for work that the health care law is only making matters worse. Among its negative consequences, the new health care law could discourage the hiring of a new worker. Specifically, the legislation's so-called small business tax credits could force employers to choose between hiring new workers and losing the value of the credit. Under the Democrats' health care bill, the value of the tax credit phases out for businesses with 11 or more workers and disappears completely for those with more than 25 employees. Some small business owners may have to think twice before they seek to hire new employees out of fear they might lose their tax credit on their existing workers. In addition, the new health care law contains a \$210 billion tax hike by increasing the Medicare payroll tax by 0.9 percent. Since the majority of small businesses pay taxes at the individual level, this tax will hit the income of many small business owners. According to NFIB, the businesses most likely to see the tax increase are those that employ between 20 to 200 workers, which account for more than one-quarter of the American workforce. As our economy is nowhere near recovered and the unemployment rate hovers around ten percent, Congressman Miller will keep fighting to repeal the bill. To view the complexity of the small business tax credit, [click here](#).

Congressman Miller Supports States' Right to Carry Out Immigration Laws

This week, Congressman Miller introduced a resolution to express the sense of the House of Representatives that state and local governments have the inherent authority to assist in the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States in the course of carrying out routine duties. Although the federal government is charged with enforcing immigration laws on the books, it has failed to do so. As a result, state and local governments have been forced to bear the cost of illegal immigration, roughly estimated to be between \$40 billion to \$80 billion annually. The federal government's failure to fully enforce immigration laws also poses a threat to the security of the United States. As drug-related violence has escalated in recent years, Mexican drug trafficking organizations now have a presence in 230 American cities. Also, several terrorists connected to the 9/11 attacks and the recently foiled Times Square plot were found to have overstayed their visas, one of which was stopped for a traffic violation two days prior to the September 11th terrorist attacks. Contrary to the federal government, many state and local governments, such as Arizona, have actively worked to discourage illegal immigration and to assist in the enforcement of our nation's immigration laws. Congressman Miller commends these efforts and urges the federal government to follow suit. To read the text of Congressman Miller's resolution, [click here](#).

In An Unprecedented Move, Majority Forgoes Budget for Fiscal Year 2011

The House Majority Leader recently stated that Congressional Democrats will not pass a budget resolution for Fiscal Year 2011. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service (CRS), the House has never failed to pass an annual budget resolution since the current budget rules were put into place in 1974. The budget resolution is a non-binding document whose main purposes are to set discretionary spending caps for the coming fiscal year, lay out the framework of the majority's fiscal policy, and create the option of easing legislation through the Senate via fast-track reconciliation procedures. As Washington's out-of-control spending spree is hurting our economy, Congressman Miller believes the Majority's failure to pass a budget resolution represents a missed opportunity to provide the fiscal discipline that is needed to create jobs and grow our economy.

House Republicans Launch "You Cut" to Reign in Wasteful Government Spending

To reign in wasteful Washington spending, House Republicans recently launched "You Cut," a first-of-its-kind project that is designed to defeat the permissive culture of runaway spending in Congress. "You Cut" allows you to vote, both online and on your cell phone, on spending cuts that you want to see the House enact. Each week, the winning spending cut will be brought to the Floor for a vote. While Congress will not be able to solve our deficit problems overnight or with one silver bullet, "You Cut" seeks to begin to replace the culture of spending that now dominates Washington with a culture of savings.

To cast your vote for this week's "You Cut", [click here](#).

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