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Bills to Eliminate Mandatory Obamacare Funding Passed by the House

This week, the House of Representatives passed legislation to eliminate mandatory funding provisions of the Democrat health care law. On Tuesday, the Majority voted to repeal a provision of the overhaul that provides unlimited federal funding to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to assist states in establishing health insurance exchanges. Congressman Miller believes it is irresponsible to give unchecked spending authority to the HHS Secretary, especially as the courts continue to consider the constitutionality of the health care law. In another effort to defund Obamacare, the House approved legislation to eliminate \$200 million in mandatory spending for the construction and renovation of school-based health centers. According to the Energy and Commerce Committee, many school-based health centers have already qualified to receive funding through the \$3 billion appropriated for construction of community health centers by the so-called “stimulus” and the health care law itself. As our country approaches its statutory debt limit and continues to borrow over forty cents for each dollar spent by Washington, Congressman Miller will continue to support the full repeal of this costly, intrusive, and unconstitutional health law.

House Passes Legislation Prohibiting Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

On Wednesday, the House took action to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to subsidize abortion services by passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. The bill codifies into law several policies that currently must be approved separately each year to prevent abortions at taxpayer expense. Specifically, the bill makes permanent a ban on the use of federal funds to procure elective abortions through federal health programs, the prohibition on the use of federal funds for abortions overseas, and disallows the use of congressional appropriations for abortion services in the District of Columbia. The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act also prohibits health insurance premium subsidies established under the Democrat health care overhaul from being used to purchase health plans that cover elective abortions, and ends tax-preferred status for abortion through health savings and flexible spending accounts. The bill also permanently protects the conscience rights of health care providers who oppose abortion. Congressman Miller is pleased with the House passage of this important legislation and urges his colleagues in the Senate to quickly consider this measure to protect taxpayers and promote a culture of life.

Congressman Miller Supports Measure to Ease the Pain at the Pump

Since January 2009 the national average price of a gallon of gasoline has more than doubled from \$1.84 to \$3.96, while in California the average has soared to \$4.25. These rising costs are straining family budgets and threatening our fragile economic recovery. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration has actively blocked efforts to increase energy production in the United States and create jobs by delaying and cancelling several scheduled oil and natural gas lease sales in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coast of Virginia. The Restarting American Offshore Leasing Now Act, passed by the House on Thursday, requires the Secretary of the Interior to conduct four oil and natural gas lease sales in the Gulf and Virginia before June 1, 2012, or within one year of the bill’s enactment into law. In the coming weeks, House Republicans will continue to take proactive measures to lower gas prices, reduce dependence on foreign oil by increasing American-made energy, and create new jobs for Americans.

42nd District Artistic Discovery Winners Announced

The winners of the 2011 *An Artistic Discovery* competition were announced at the La Habra Arts Association & Gallery on April 29th. The 1st Place entry, ‘A Different Future, the Same Space’, was submitted by Miss Esther Bang of Brea Olinda High School. Miss Bang will receive two tickets from Southwest Airlines to attend a special reception in Washington, D.C. where her artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol. 2nd Place was awarded to Mr. Cameron Robles of Don Lugo High School for his self portrait entitled ‘Staring Death in the Face’. Miss E Young Choi of Canyon High School received 3rd Place for her self portraits entitled ‘Harmony’. Congressman Miller congratulates all of this year’s participants for submitting their exceptional works. He would also like to express his appreciation to the judges, La Habra Mayor James Gomez and Ms. Anita Hunt, the La Habra Arts Association & Gallery, and Ms. Linda Gottlied for her generous assistance.