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Repeal of Mandatory Withholding Rule Passes House

This week, the House of Representatives voted to repeal a federal requirement that will unnecessarily deprive businesses of capital and impose new compliance burdens on all levels of government. In 2006, Congress passed legislation that included a mandate for federal, state and local governments to withhold three percent of payments to contractors for goods and services. The rule, which was scheduled to take effect earlier this year, has been delayed until January 1, 2013. While the requirement was intended to improve tax compliance, serious concerns remain about the impact the withholding will have on honest, taxpaying businesses and the significant compliance burdens that will be placed on government entities. H.R. 674, which passed overwhelmingly on a 405-16 vote, would repeal this onerous mandate. As a co-sponsor, Congressman Miller hopes that the Senate will act to send this bipartisan measure to the President's desk as soon as possible.

House Moves Forward on Job-Creation Agenda as Democrat-led Senate Delays and Obstructs

As our nation's economic recovery continues to be painfully slow, millions of Americans remain out of work or underemployed. To date, the Senate has refused to act on fifteen common-sense House-passed measures to encourage economic growth and foster private sector job creation. So far this year, the House has approved several pieces of legislation that would create new jobs and reduce energy costs for Americans by increasing domestic energy production. Several measures have also been sent to the Senate to reign in onerous federal regulations that will impose massive compliance costs on American industries and place thousands of jobs at risk. The House has also acted to give employers the freedom and flexibility to expand their businesses where they see fit without government interference. Congressman Miller remains committed to turning our economy around and hopes that the Senate will act on these important measures to get Americans back to work.

Unsustainable CLASS Act Cancelled

Earlier this month the Obama Administration announced that it will not proceed with a new long-term care entitlement program that was a major element of the President's health care law. The CLASS Act as structured under the so-called Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) raised bipartisan concerns about the program's long-term sustainability. Under the law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services was required to certify that the program would be fiscally solvent for 75 years before it could be implemented. As a result of the poor design of the program, HHS was unable to do so. Congressman Miller is pleased that this flawed program will not be implemented and will continue to work to repeal the PPACA in its entirety and pursue reforms that will bring down health care costs without further hindering the ability of our nation's employers to create jobs.

Deadline Approaching for U.S. Military Academy Applications

Graduating high school students interested in attending a U.S. service academy for the 2012-2013 academic school year (Class of 2016) must submit their nomination application to Congressman Miller by **November 1, 2011**. Residents of California's 42nd Congressional District must have a formal recommendation from Congressman Miller to apply to four of the U.S. service academies, including the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. These institutions prepare college-age Americans to be officers of the United States uniformed services. Upon graduation, service academy graduates are commissioned as officers in the active components of the military or the Merchant Marines for a minimum of five years. For more information about the military academies and how to apply, visit <http://garymiller.house.gov> or call the Brea District Office at (714) 257-1142.