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### **House Passes Cement Regulatory Relief Legislation**

This week, the House continued to take action to reduce the impact of onerous government regulations on American job creators. In 2010, the EPA issued a final rule establishing emissions standards for cement manufacturing plants that the agency estimates will cost \$2.2 billion to implement. Other estimates however show that the new standards could reach up to \$3.4 billion. As a result of these high compliance costs, concerns have been raised that many domestic facilities will be unable to meet the new requirements, putting thousands of jobs at risk. On Thursday, the House passed legislation to require the EPA to re-propose and finalize rules setting emissions standards that are technically and economically achievable. Congressman Miller supports this important measure which also extends the deadline for compliance with the new rules to at least five years in order to give facilities the time they need to comply with the new requirements.

### **Congressman Miller Supports Stronger Congressional Review of Federal Regulations**

On a related note, Congressman Miller has cosponsored legislation to require congressional approval of federal regulations that will have a major impact on our economy. According to the Small Business Administration, complying with federal regulations in 2008 cost our economy an astounding \$1.75 trillion. The Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act would amend the current process for congressional review of agency rulemaking, by requiring Congress to vote on all major agency rules before they go into effect. Under the REINS Act, major rules would include regulations that are likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more or have significant negative effects on employment, investment, innovation, or U.S. competitiveness. Last year alone, the executive branch finalized one hundred rules that are estimated to have an annual economic impact of over \$100 million. Congressman Miller believes that Congress should have a say in federal regulations that will have such significant consequences on our economy.

### **Challenge to Unconstitutional Health Care Overhaul Could Soon Reach Supreme Court**

Following conflicting rulings by federal courts concerning the constitutionality of the Democrat health care takeover's mandate for every American to purchase government-approved insurance, the Obama Administration has now cleared the way for the case to proceed to the U.S. Supreme Court. As an original co-sponsor of legislation to repeal the Administration's costly overreach into Americans health care decisions, Congressman Miller looks forward to the Court's review of the health care law. He will continue to promote free-market solutions, such as allowing the purchase of health insurance across state lines, to increase access to quality health care for all Americans, not unconstitutional government mandates.

### **Medicare Open Enrollment Begins October 15th**

Every year, Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to make changes to their Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage plans for the following year. Open Enrollment begins earlier this year and will run 7 weeks longer to give beneficiaries enough time to review and make changes to their coverage. The annual Coordinated Election Period begins October 15, 2011 and runs until December 7, 2011. Medicare beneficiaries should have received their *2012 Medicare & You* handbook by late September, which contains all the necessary information. To find helpful Medicare tools and information, and to compare cost of benefits for 2012 Medicare health plans in your area, please visit <http://cms.gov/center/openenrollment.asp> or call 1-800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227). For issues concerning Medicare or any federal agency, please contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at (714) 257-1142.