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ObamaCare Will Increase Health Care Costs

Although Congressional Democrats and President Obama claimed that their government-run health care overhaul would bring down the cost of health care, this week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced that it expects health care costs and spending to increase even more than it originally estimated. The CMS report estimates that health care will grow 6.3 percent per year and total health care spending will reach \$4.6 trillion—nearly 20 percent of gross domestic product by 2019. In addition, as a result of the mandates contained in the health care law, it is expected that health care premiums will rise by as much as nine percent. Because the government-run health care law does not lower health care costs for the American people and increases government intrusion in personal decisions, Congressman Miller is working in Congress to repeal the bill and replace it with market-based solutions that will actually drive down the cost of health care.

Average Middle Income Family in 42nd District to See Huge Tax Increases Next Year

On January 1, 2011, scores of economy-crippling tax increases are scheduled to take effect and will particularly devastate families, business owners, and investors residing in the 42nd Congressional District. Recently, the nonpartisan Tax Foundation released an analysis of the impact the expiration of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts will have on middle-income families in each state and congressional district. The study studied the difference between the average tax bill under both expiration and extension of the tax cuts for the middle twenty percent of families. The study found that in the 42nd Congressional District, the average middle income family will experience a \$2,295 tax increase if Congress does not act to prevent the tax cuts from expiring. During these times of economic hardship, Congressman Miller opposes raising taxes on Southern Californian families. He has cosponsored legislation to make the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent and will keep working in Congress to prevent Washington from snatching more money from the pockets of hardworking Americans.

House of Representatives Remembers Ninth Anniversary of 9-11 Terrorist Attacks

Nine years ago last Saturday, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the World Trade Center towers in New York City and a third into the Pentagon outside of Washington, DC. That same day, the passengers and crew aboard the fourth civilian aircraft, United Airlines Flight 93, acted heroically to prevent the terrorist hijackers from taking additional American lives, by crashing the plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and sacrificing their own lives instead. This week, the House of Representatives passed a resolution and also held a ceremony to remember the September 11th terrorist attacks and mourn the loss of the thousands of innocent men, women, and children that were brutally murdered on that fateful day nine years ago. Today, the United States remains steadfast in its determination to defeat, disrupt, and destroy terrorist organizations and seeks to harness all elements of national power, including its military, economic, and diplomatic resources, to do so. Congressman Miller once again extends his deepest sympathies to the friends, families, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks and will continue working in Congress to increase the security of our nation.

U.S. Constitution Celebrates Its 223rd Birthday

Today, the U.S. Constitution marks its 223rd birthday. In 1787, 39 delegates signed the Constitution at the Philadelphia Convention in order to establish a set of laws for the newly formed government of the United States. The signing of the Constitution not only marked the beginning of a new government, but also created a system of checks and balances between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the government. Congressman Miller's Brea office has pocket Constitutions available for constituents. Other books available at Congressman Miller's office include "How our Laws are Made," "Our American Government," and "Our Flag." For free literature and more information on Constitution Day, please contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

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