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Bill to Assess Costs of EPA Regulations Passes House

Today the House passed common sense legislation to direct the federal government to fully analyze the impact of burdensome and costly regulations on our economy. H.R. 2401, the Transparency in Regulatory Analysis of Impacts to the Nation (TRAIN) Act, establishes an interagency committee, including representatives from the Departments of Commerce and Treasury and the U.S. International Trade Commission, to examine the effect of major rules issued or proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Specifically, the committee will study the economic competitiveness of the U.S. and the effect of the EPA's regulations on energy prices, employment, and reliability of the U.S. electric supply. The TRAIN Act also delays implementation of two controversial EPA rules that stand to cost our economy \$17.8 billion a year and result in the loss of 1.4 million jobs by the year 2020. Congressman Miller hopes the Senate will quickly act on this important legislation to require the federal government to consider the full impact of EPA regulations on our economy and job creation.

House Approves Continuing Resolution

Also this week, the House passed a continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government operating through November 18th. The CR sets the spending level at \$1.043 trillion on an annualized basis, \$7 billion less than current spending levels and equal to the spending cap established for Fiscal Year 2012 under the Budget Control Act. To help Americans struggling to recover from a series of natural disasters this year, the CR provides \$1 billion to FEMA for immediate relief efforts, which is fully offset by a \$1.5 billion cut to a Department of Energy loan program to produce luxury "advanced technology vehicles", as well as \$100 million from the program that provided the loan guarantee to the failed solar company Solyndra. As the appropriations process moves forward, Congressman Miller remains committed to finding fiscally responsible solutions to revitalize our economy, including defunding the government takeover of health care and preventing the implementation of onerous regulations from stifling job creation.

Despite Weak Economy, President Continues Call for \$1.5 Trillion Tax Hike

This week, President Obama proposed hiking taxes on small businesses and private capital by \$1.5 trillion to pay for his Administration's two and a half year spending spree. With the economic recovery faltering, it makes no sense to impose job-crushing tax increases on businesses that will hinder economic growth and job creation. Under the President's plan, millions of small business owners that currently file as individuals will be taxed at the same rate as billionaires, straining their ability to invest in their business and hire new workers. To grow this economy, Congressman Miller firmly believes that we cannot continue to tax and regulate our nation's employers out of business. He will continue to fight against these tax increases that will destroy jobs and stifle economic growth.

Congressman Miller Opposes Administration's Backdoor Amnesty Plan

Over the course of the last year, the Obama administration has ignored the will of Congress and the American people by using executive branch authority to allow illegal immigrants to remain in the U.S. In August, the Department of Homeland Security announced it will direct immigration officials to undergo a case-by-case review of illegal immigrants who have been ordered to be deported and halt proceedings against those who have not been convicted of serious crimes. The policy change will also allow these individuals to apply for work permits. Simply put, this is a backdoor approach to grant amnesty to hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants. Last week, Congressman Miller joined 73 of his colleagues in sending a letter to the President criticizing this misguided policy that does a grave disservice to the rule of law. He will continue to strongly oppose any form of amnesty and will work to pursue an enforcement-first approach to solve our nation's illegal immigration problem.

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