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Dear Friends,

Healthcare Update

Numerous efforts are underway to stop the implementation of the government takeover of healthcare which is now law. While repeal is not likely with President Obama in office, I believe the legislation violates the Constitution and will be examined by the Supreme Court. Last week several of my Republican colleagues and [Ipublicly supported](#) Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's decision to sue over the constitutionality of the healthcare bill. The insurance mandate forces every American to engage in a coerced transaction, encroaching on individual rights and the Founding Fathers' idea of limited government. In addition, I've cosponsored H.R. 4904 by Congressman Ted Poe which would prohibit federal funding of the bill's mandates to purchase insurance. It should be noted that Fidel Castro chided President Obama for finally enacting what communist Cuba achieved decades ago.

[Please see Healthcare Reform Impact on Small Businesses.](#)



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Israel

Fellow members of the Foreign Affairs Committee and I (above) met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week. I hope the Israelis and Palestinians can continue to take steps forward and enact confidence building measures to increase security in the region. I want to assure Israel that we share their common concerns about the growing threat of a nuclear Iran. We must enact harsher sanctions that ensure Iran cannot reach this point. I voted in favor of the Iran Refined Petroleum Sanctions Act and the Iran Sanctions Enabling Act and recently signed on to a letter to President Obama, urging him to impose crippling sanctions on Iran.

Small Business and Infrastructure Jobs Tax Act of 2010

The House passed, but I voted against, H.R. 4849 because it raises taxes by another \$42.7 billion over 11 years that will discourage foreign companies from creating jobs here and could put current jobs at risk. While the bill does contain some useful tax relief for small businesses, it continues the Democrats' pattern of adding job killing tax increases into bills that they claim will help the economy. Increasing taxes in a recession is never a good idea. Since the majority passed the Stimulus in February 2009, America has lost [3.9 million private sector jobs](#).

Disaster Relief and Summer Jobs Act of 2010

Last Wednesday, I voted against but the House passed H.R. 4899, which unnecessarily appropriates \$5.1 billion to FEMA to have on hand for future disaster relief. This prefunding is unnecessary as Congress makes such funding available during emergencies. Further, the bill spends \$600 million for summer youth employment programs which still have \$400 million in unspent stimulus funds.

FAA Air Transportation Modernization and Safety Improvement Act

The House passed H.R. 1586. I voted against this bill because it increases fees, costs and taxes associated with the airline industry. It includes a total of \$2 billion in tax increases from a 56% increase in airport facility charges, contains union giveaways, hurts small airports, and does not help average airline passengers.

Hearings

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McCaul in the News

Houston Chronicle - [Abbott health-reform challenge stirs war of words in DC](#)

Dallas Morning News - [Argument on constitutionality of health care law](#)

Brenham Banner - [McCaul outraged by health bill passage](#)

Bay Area Citizen - [Mayor urges compromise on Constellation](#)



Congressman McCaul with Director Tom Paben of the Texas Farm Bureau.



Congressman McCaul with Manor ISD Superintendent Andrew Kim and his wife Amber.



Congressman McCaul with Adrienne Longenecker of the Capital Area Food Bank.



Congressman McCaul with members of AIPAC from the Houston area - Ron Rakooover, Alex Ramati, Bennett and Robin Greenspan, Alex Ramati, and Elise Sheppard.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul".

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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