

News from Representative Randy Hultgren

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[Victory: ATF Backs Off Backdoor Ammo Ban](#)

Last week, I told you about [a letter I sent](#) with my colleagues to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) after they put forth a plan to ban popular and commonly used ammunition for sporting and home protection firearms. I am pleased to report that ATF has retracted its ban after our opposition and the opposition of the majority of the more than 80,000 public commenters.

I believe ATF's poorly conceived regulatory 'framework' was restrictive and interfered with the

This past week, I met with 11-year-old Boy Scout Jacob to discuss his constitutional rights and responsibilities as a U.S. Citizen as part of a rank requirement.



Second Amendment rights of Americans who use certain ammunition for sporting and home protection.

Law enforcement has expressed that they aren't threatened by the ammunition, and ATF's backdoor ban lacked sound justification.

In the future, I hope ATF will do their due diligence when issuing future regulations on firearms and ammunition.

Manufacturers Benefitting from Ex-Im Bank

This district work period, I toured the Miner Elastomer plant in Geneva, where the company has made shock absorber equipment for applications like trucks and shovels for decades. Many of their customers are overseas, which is why they benefit from the Export-Import (Ex-Im) Bank to level the playing field and get their products to their customers.

Since 2007, the Ex-Im Bank has supported almost \$6 billion in Illinois export sales from 301 exporters, including 204 small businesses. This Congress, I have cosponsored the Reform Exports and Expand the American Economy Act which would reauthorize this key financing tool for manufacturers and suppliers in Illinois. Importantly, this bill includes key reforms to improve transparency and accountability to taxpayers.





(Rep. Hultgren tours the Miner Elastomer plant in Geneva)

Veterans Getting the Care they Need

Thanks to the House-passed Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act—a bill I supported which the President signed into law—eligible veterans now have new options to receive non-VA health care rather than waiting for a VA appointment or traveling to a VA facility.

For instance, it allows veterans to seek private care if they live more than 40 miles from a VA facility.

For more information, please watch this video from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs on the Veterans Choice Program:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9nnsRIX5b8>

If you need assistance with the VA, or any other federal agency, please call my Geneva office at 630-232-7104 or fill out the following form on my website and a staff member will be able to assist you: <http://hultgren.house.gov/serving-you/help-with-a-federal-agency>

Protecting the Unborn. Young Mothers. Doctors

Protecting minors from exploitation and traffickers, protecting the unborn from the pain of abortion, and protecting doctors from performing abortions against their deeply held beliefs—this is at the heart of defending the sanctity and dignity of all human life. We must step in when these values are in danger, which is why I support several pieces of pro-life legislation introduced this Congress. I remain committed to protecting the most vulnerable among us and giving a voice to those who have none.

Here's more info on each bill below:

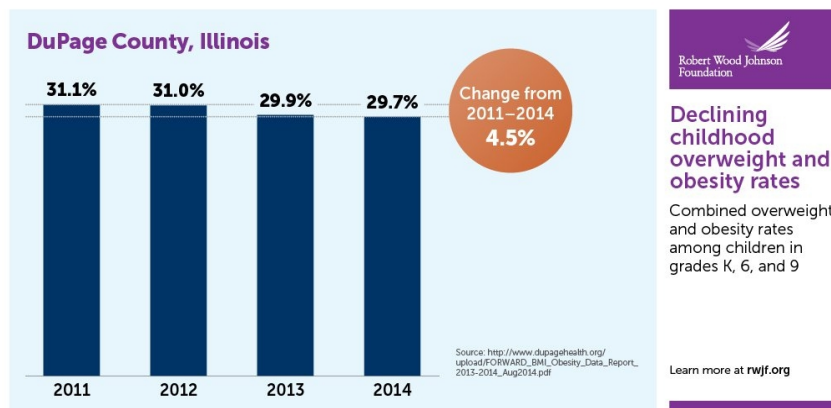
- **H.R. 803, the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act**, prohibits the transportation a minor child across a state line to obtain an abortion. The bill makes an exception for an abortion necessary to save the life of the minor.
- **H.R. 816, the Life at Conception Act**, extends equal protection under the 14th Amendment to human beings at every stage

of life, including the unborn. This bill guarantees the right to life everyone, and defines life as beginning at the moment of conception. A [majority](#) of Americans believe life begins at conception. Importantly, this bill does not authorize prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.

- **H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act**, stops abortions after 20 weeks, or five months, based on the child's ability to feel pain. A November 2014 poll from [Quinnipiac](#) found that 60 percent of Americans support legislation limiting abortions after 20 weeks. I previously cosponsored this legislation in the 113th Congress, which passed the House in June 2013 but died in the Senate.
- **H.R. 940, the Health Care Conscience Rights Act**, a comprehensive bill that respects the religious freedom of Americans seeking health insurance, as well as the ability of the greater health care community to provide patient care in accordance with deeply-held, reasoned beliefs. Among other provisions, this would protect doctors from being forced to prescribe abortion-inducing drugs.
- **H.R. 217, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act**, prevents federal tax dollars from going to organizations that perform abortions, such as Planned Parenthood. I have [consistently held](#) that no American should have to pay for someone else's

abortion.

Declining Childhood Obesity



Good news out of DuPage County: they recently reported a 4.5 percent decline in overweight and obesity among students in kindergarten, grade 6, and grade 9. [Read more about this positive trend here.](#)

If you haven't already, be sure to like my [Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or check out my [YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

As always, thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you.

In Your Service,



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Randy in the News

[ATF Kills Obama's AR-15 Ammo Ban](#) (WND.com)

[Club for Growth zaps votes by Illinois members of Congress](#) (Crain's Chicago Business)

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