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## Tax Reform Passes Congress

# THE TAX CUTS & JOBS ACT

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H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, has passed both chambers of Congress and is on its way to the President's desk for his signature. I supported the legislation.

Click here to [see why this legislation is good for Illinois families and](#)

small businesses, and what I fought for on your behalf that was included in the final legislation.

## STEM Scholars Tackle Ecology and the Environment

The #STEMScholars and I enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Loyola University Retreat and Ecology Center (LUREC) this month to study ecology and rub shoulders with Loyola scientists including Dr. Roberta Lammers-Campbell, Director of Academic Programs and Ecological Restoration, and Rev. Stephen Mitten, Director of Undergraduate Research. Students had a first-hand look at what a career in ecology and environmental sciences could look like, and we all got our hands dirty clearing out invasive species.



(Students learn about biodiversity and ecology at LUREC)





(STEM Scholars clear invasive species at LUREC)



(Rep. Hultgren talks ecology with STEM Scholars)





## [Plan to Combat Heroin and Opioid Abuse.](#)

It's why I support the mandatory prescription drug monitoring program in Illinois which was signed into law by Governor Bruce Rauner this month. This program will require physicians who prescribe opioids and other controlled substances to register with the state's database, preventing patients from getting multiple opioid prescriptions from multiple health care providers.

## President Trump: Tell Turkey to Release Istanbul 10



Last June, Turkish authorities detained Mr. Taner Kiliç, Chair of Amnesty International Turkey, Ms. Idil Eser, Director of Amnesty International Turkey, and nine other human rights defenders. Those arrested on July 5th are collectively known as the Istanbul 10 and include some of Turkey's leading human rights figures.

As Co-Chairs of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, Congressman Jim McGovern (D-MA) and I sent a bipartisan letter, along with 43 Members of Congress, to President Trump urging him to publicly call on Turkey to halt the prosecution, drop all charges and immediately and unconditionally release those still in detention.

We write: "if these prosecutions are allowed to move forward without a clear response from the United States government, a

precedent will be set that will not only threaten the legitimate work of Amnesty International and other human rights organizations, but will also embolden authoritarian regimes around the world.”

The [letter is available here](#).

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## Holding Burundi Government Accountable

Since 2015, in Burundi there have been more than 2,000 people killed, 200,000 internally displaced persons and more than 420,000 refugees spilling into neighboring countries. Along with Rep. Eliot L. Engel (D-NY), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA) I introduced a resolution calling on Burundi’s political opposition to renounce violence and urged the government to comply with constitutional limits on presidential terms and re-engage in regional peace negotiations.

The people of Burundi have undergone immense atrocities in their recent history, and deserve a strong response from the international community. By bringing attention to the multi-faceted conflict taking place there, we remind those who are suffering and displaced that they are not forgotten.

[Click here to read the resolution](#).

Merry Christmas!



*Randy Hultgren*  
*Member of Congress*  
*14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News

- [Congressman Randy Hultgren Talks Tax Reform on WROK \(1440 WROK\)](#)

- [Efforts continue to have Warrenville Post Office named for Wheaton Warrenville South grad](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [GOP under pressure on bond issue in tax bill](#) (The Hill)
- [Lawmakers urge House, Senate leaders not to repeal graduate tuition waivers](#) (Financial Regulation News)
- [McHenry County lawmakers, residents weigh in on federal tax overhaul](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Op-ed: Tax cuts for Scrooge McDuck? Dispelling myths of tax reform](#) (The Hill)
- [SBA loans available help victims of July flooding](#) (Lake County Gazette)

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