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Rogers' Fallen Heroes Bill Signed into Law

This week President Obama signed into law legislation I authored which will assist families of federal law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

Until this new law, the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies have been unable to help the families of these fallen heroes. My legislation allows the federal government to cover families' moving and relocation expenses if an officer is killed in the line of duty. There are approximately ten federal law enforcement officers killed each year.

The Special Agent Samuel Hicks Families of Fallen Heroes Act (H.R. 2711) was named in honor of Sam Hicks, who at the age of 33 was fatally shot on November 19, 2008 while executing a federal warrant associated with a drug distribution ring in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Agent Hicks was a former police officer with the Baltimore Police Department and although he and his family moved to Pittsburgh under orders of the FBI, by law the FBI could not assist his widow and young son in returning to live in their home town of Baltimore. Families like the Hicks assume huge emotional and financial burdens to serve our nation, and the federal government has a clear duty to assist them when an officer has fallen in the line of duty at home or abroad.

The bill will be funded with monies already appropriated to federal law enforcement agencies, therefore not adding to our budget deficit.

You can read the law by [clicking here](#).

Local Veteran Honored with Purple Heart

On June 6, I was honored to present Rod Jones of Brighton, MI with a Purple Heart which he earned as a Marine serving in Vietnam more than 40 years ago.

Mr. Jones, like many brave Americans, fought to protect our nation and the freedoms we enjoy every day. He has been decorated for his service with numerous medals, commendations and ribbons, but the Purple Heart has special significance. It recognizes Mr. Jones' sacrifice while working with his fellow Marines during a rescue mission in Vietnam in 1968.

To read a news brief in the *Livingston Daily Press & Argus* about Mr. Jones, please [click here](#).

Millions of Americans Could Lose Health Plans

This week, the Departments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and Human Services issued regulations regarding the ability of individuals and employees to maintain, or "grandfather," their current health coverage. Mandated in the health reform law, the regulations begin to define what "acceptable" health coverage will look like. Beginning in 2014, all Americans will be required to carry government-approved health insurance.

These burdensome rules will cause millions of American workers to lose their current health coverage, while raising costs for individuals and businesses alike. The government's own analysis found that 80% of all workers could eventually lose their current work-base coverage by 2014. Small businesses will be hardest hit by these regulations.

You can read more about these rules, other information about the health law, and my solutions for reform by visiting my blog "[Fix My Health Care Now](#)."

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to contact you. You can follow my efforts online by visiting my [website](#). You can also keep up with me on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress



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