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House Passes Bill Targeting Chinese Currency Manipulation

Yesterday the House of Representatives approved legislation based on a measure I originally authored in 2003 to force China to stop manipulating its currency and destroying U.S. jobs.

China has been cheating on the value of its currency and stealing American jobs for years. China's currency is at least 25 percent below where it should be, making Chinese goods 25 percent cheaper than they should be.

The Alliance for American Manufacturing reports that Chinese currency manipulation has destroyed some 68,000 jobs in Michigan, while the Economic Policy Institute has found that Chinese currency manipulation has destroyed 4,500 jobs in the 8th Congressional District alone.

That is why I have led the fight in Congress to pass legislation that finally cracks down on currency manipulation. Yesterday's vote was a major step forward for a new trade policy that guarantees a level playing field for Michigan workers.

To watch me speak on the House floor about this important issue, [click here](#). To read an article on the bill from WHMI in Livingston County, [click here](#).

Health Law's Medicare Cuts Begin

Due to new regulations from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), next year 1.2 million seniors will be forced out of their current Medicare Advantage or Medicare prescription drug (Part D) plan.

These enrollment changes are a direct result of new regulations imposed by the new health care law. 298 plans have left the MA and Part D programs, giving seniors fewer choices in their health care. And according to the non-partisan CMS actuaries, the 11 million seniors still enrolled in an MA plan will soon receive "less generous benefit packages" as a result of the law's \$200 billion in cuts to their MA benefits. Because of the law, independent experts believe 7.4 million seniors will either lose or be denied access to the Medicare Advantage program over the next ten years.

Unfortunately, this disturbing news is just the tip of the iceberg. To learn more about how the president's misguided health care law will impact seniors, please read this [Wall Street Journal article](#) from last law week:

"The price [seniors] will pay for health reform will be a double whammy: less spending on Medicare coupled with reduced subsidies for their Medicare Advantage plans. In many areas, Medicare Advantage enrollees will lose about one-third or more of their health-insurance benefits."

I opposed the president's health care reform bill in large part because of its impact on seniors. The bill cut a total of \$500 billion to critical Medicare services, including hospitals, nursing homes, and hospice. I believe we reform America's health care system without jeopardizing care for America's seniors. To read more about my solutions for health care reform, [click here](#).

Biodefense Contract Spurs Lansing Jobs

Last week the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a \$51 million contract for new research that will create at least 70 jobs in Lansing.

Emergent BioSolutions, which has a manufacturing facility in Lansing, currently produces the only federally approved vaccine for treating anthrax poisoning, and this development contract will strengthen their ongoing efforts to create a next-generation vaccine to better protect our troops and first responders. The Lansing facility and its employees are essential partners with the federal government in building a strong emergency preparedness structure.

The contract was awarded by the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), an agency at HHS that is responsible for oversight of federal efforts to develop and purchase vaccines, drugs, therapies, and diagnostic tools that protect

America against biological threats. I was proud to author the 2006 law which created BARDA and put our country on a path toward biosecurity. Anthrax remains the single largest bioterror threat to the United States and this contract is a down payment on our national commitment to develop the next generation of anthrax biodefense right here in Michigan.

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Sincerely,



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