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On Thursday, the House passed H.R. 4, the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act. This legislation repeals the burdensome 1099 paperwork mandate which was created by the job-killing health care law. This new requirement would have forced all companies to report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) all payments of more than \$600 a year and would have generated a flood of new paperwork for the average employers.

I was a coauthor of this legislation because I believe imposing higher costs and new mandates on employers will lead to fewer jobs and lower wages at a fragile time in the economic recovery of our nation. Rest assured, I will continue to work to replace the health care law with common sense reforms which lower health care costs and not put Washington in charge of our health care system.

House Passes Short Term Spending Measure

On Tuesday, the House of Representatives passed H.J.Res. 44, a short-term spending measure which will provide funding for the federal government through March 18, 2011. This legislation cut \$4 billion from current spending levels and is a down payment toward further spending cuts. With a record \$1.65 trillion budget deficit and a \$14 trillion national debt, I believe that every single program in the federal budget can find efficiencies and waste. The only responsible course of action is to review every taxpayer dollar the federal government spends no matter how important the program, including military and intelligence programs.

As you may know, the House passed H.R.1 in February, legislation which cuts \$100 billion from the President's budget and will fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year. H.R. 1 is currently in the Senate awaiting action.

To read my op-ed in the *Livingston Daily Press & Argus* regarding my views on Washington's out-of-control spending, [click here](#).

Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act Continues to Protect Families

As you may know, on Wednesday the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in favor of Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church, which regularly holds protests at the funerals of service members killed in action. The Supreme Court ruled that Phelps and his church have a First Amendment right to protest the funerals of our fallen heroes. I fully support the First Amendment, but these unseemly protests demonstrate a complete disregard for decency and respect for the families of those who have scarified their lives while protecting our country.

Thankfully, the bill I introduced in 2006 that later became law, the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, still stands and will continue to protect families from these despicable protests. This law ensures that American troops who sacrificed their lives in service to their country can be buried peacefully and with dignity. It prevents the disruption of military funerals at cemeteries under control of the National Cemetery Administration and Arlington National Cemetery, and it would prohibit protesters from encroaching within 300 feet of mourners during such a funeral. I am proud to have authored this legislation and look forward to continuing to protect those who pay the greatest sacrifice for our freedom. It is the least we can do on behalf of a grateful nation.

Thank you for the opportunity to contact you. You can also follow my efforts 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
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