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Subject: A Message from Congressman Mike Rogers

I write to update you on recent legislative activities in the United States Congress. I appreciate the opportunity to contact you.

Stopping Canadian Trash:

Recently, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation that I co-authored that turns over the regulation of Canadian trash to the State of Michigan.

In particular, the House of Representatives passed by voice vote, H.R. 518. The legislation gives every state the authority to regulate international waste, and directs the Environmental Protection Agency to implement an existing US-Canada agreement on trash, an agreement that has been awaiting action for nearly twenty-years.

Most importantly, it gives Michigan the authority to regulate Canadian waste, no matter what bureaucrats in Washington D.C. decide to do. H.R. 518 is a balanced, narrow, NAFTA compliant bill that gives Michigan and other state's the authority they need to be good stewards of their land.

Stopping Tax Increases

Unfortunately, on March, 29, 2007 the U.S. House of Representatives passed the largest tax increase in American History, **nearly \$400 billion.**

This tax increase will mean that 3 million Michigan families will see a tax increase of \$3,000 a year. While I voted against this dangerous legislation, it did pass the full House of Representatives. The legislation raises taxes over the next four years, by allowing important tax relief for hard working Michigan families to "expire." This slow-motion tax increase means that there is still an opportunity to stop these tax increases and give Americans the Tax Relief they deserve.

So far this Congress I have cosponsored legislation to:

. Repeal The Death Tax

. Prevent our servicemen and women from paying taxes on their combat pay

. Make the adoption tax credit permanent

. Make college tuition deduction permanent and;

. Expand Capital Gains Tax relief

We are having tough economic times in Michigan, and the last thing we need is a tax increase. Please be assured that I will continue to work to make sure that Michigan families do not face new tax increases.

Important Health Legislation Passed

Recently, the House passed three health measures that provide a great service to the American People. The bills were H.R. 1132, the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Reauthorization, H.R. 477 the Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act, and H.R. 727 the Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act.

As a cancer survivor, I know the importance of education and preventative health measures for all Americans. The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides free and low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings to low-income, minority, and uninsured women. Breast Cancer is the second most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States and is the second leading cause of death in women with cancer. This program allows women in need to receive the health services needed to prevent and catch breast cancer early.

The Stroke Treatment and Ongoing Prevention Act, allows the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out an education and information campaign to promote stroke prevention and increase the number of stroke patients who seek immediate treatment.

The Trauma Care Systems Planning and Development Act through the Department of Health and Human Services will conduct and support research, training, evaluations, and demonstration projects with respect to trauma care. In addition, this legislation creates grants for public and non profit private entities to carry out research and create demonstration projects that will improve the availability and quality of emergency medical services in rural areas. Grants will also be established for states for the improvement of trauma care.

Again, thank you for taking the time to let me share my opinions on this important issue with you. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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