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Dear Friends,

It has been a great opportunity to be in the district and meet with many local business leaders, veterans, and concerned citizens the past few weeks. Many of you expressed deep concern about the size of government and federal spending. As I mentioned at many of our meetings, I believe America is still the greatest nation on the planet. In order to preserve a bright future for our children and grandchildren, we must **Cut Federal Government Spending** and **Amend the Constitution with a Balanced Budget Amendment**.

When Congress returns to Washington next week, our number one priority should be jobs. The top three actions Congress should take to spur the economy and encourage job creation in America are: **1) Passing the three free trade agreements; 2) Simplifying the tax code;** and **3) Lowering corporate and personal tax rates.** Furthermore, the federal government **must quit printing money** and enable American small businesses and entrepreneurs to innovate and grow. This and only this will bring our economy back. Ronald Reagan knew this best. The phenomenal growth from 1981 to 2000 was directly tied to the tax cuts and regulatory relief introduced by one of our greatest Presidents, Ronald Reagan.

The following are a few highlights from the August District Work Period:



### Irving Meet and Greet

Thank you to all who came to my Irving event earlier in August. I enjoyed speaking to and hearing from community leaders and constituents.



### Metrocrest Area Event

More than 75 people from Coppell, Carrollton, and Farmers Branch attended my Metrocrest event. I had the opportunity to speak with local mayors, council members, and constituents about issues Congress will be addressing in the coming months.



### **Business Roundtable**

I hosted the President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Richard Fisher, for a roundtable discussion with local business leaders. Representatives from several banks, credit unions, and small businesses came together at my Irving office to hear Mr. Fisher's presentation on Texas and national financial issues. [Click here](#) for more information about our meeting.



### **Fair Tax Meeting**

In my spring survey, more than 80 percent of the 3,000 responses from the 24th District favored tax reform. I met with a group of constituents who would like Congress to consider the fair tax plan.



### **Healthcare Roundtable**

Representatives from local hospitals and healthcare providers met at my Irving office for a roundtable discussion on the future of healthcare. We discussed the recent changes in Medicare reimbursements and the impact of Obamacare on their systems and services.



### **Veterans Medal Ceremony**

Homer Eggers of Irving, Texas, served in the U.S. Navy as a 16mm gunner during War World II. Like many veterans during the war, he was never awarded his earned military medals. With 15 of his family members present, I had the honor of presenting Mr. Eggers with eight of his overdue medals and thanked him for his service to our nation.



### Meeting with local supporters of Israel

Last year I had the privilege of visiting Israel, touring its historic sites, and meeting with government officials. This was an important trip for me due to the strong support Israel has from residents of the 24th District, some of whom I met with this month. I continue to pledge my support for Israel, one of America's staunchest allies.



### Transportation Summit 2011

For the past four years, Irving has hosted the Transportation and Infrastructure Summit where policy makers, private sector leaders, and trade associations discuss current projects. It was an honor to represent the 24th District at this event.

Since announcing our 60 new Eagle Scouts in my last e-newsletter, several local papers have covered their great accomplishments including the [Star-Telegram](#), [Grand Prairie Reporter](#), Southlake Times, Colleyville Courier, and Coppel's Citizens Advocate.

Again, I want to thank everyone for sharing your ideas and concerns with me. As we move into this busy legislative schedule this next month, please take the time to contact me and share your thoughts either through my website, social media, or a phone call to my office.

Sincerely,

Congressman Kenny Marchant