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A Weekly Update of News and Views  
For Opinion Shapers and Policy Makers

**Congressman Gary G. Miller**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> District, California**



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## **House Passes Fiscally Irresponsible Budget**

On Thursday, the House approved a fiscally irresponsible budget under which the federal government will spend more than three trillion dollars over the next year. The measure also calls for the expiration of the tax relief approved by Congress in recent years. If that happens, Americans will soon experience a \$683 billion tax increase, the largest in American history. The average Californian would see their taxes go up by \$3,331 per year. Congressman Miller strongly opposed the measure when it came to the House floor. In addition, to prevent taxes from going up he has cosponsored the Tax Increase Prevention Act to make the tax relief passed in 2001 and 2003 permanent. At a time when the American economy is slowing down and the cost of living is increasing, he believes it is crucial that taxpayers be allowed to keep more of their hard-earned money.

## **Congressman Miller Fights to Crack Down on Illegal Employment**

This week, Congressman Miller proudly cosponsored three pieces of legislation to crack down on the employment of illegal aliens. The first bill, H.R. 138, would require workers to resolve discrepancies if their names and Social Security numbers do not match. Employers would then be required to fire those who cannot prove they are in the United States legally. The second bill, H.R. 3554, would make wages and benefits paid to illegals nondeductible for federal tax purposes as well as making the E-Verify program permanent. The third bill, H.R. 736, would prohibit illegals from receiving Social Security benefits. With an estimated 12 to 20 million illegal aliens already present in our country, Congressman Miller believes firmly that we must remove the incentives for illegals to live and work in the United States. He will continue working in Congress to ensure that illegals are not rewarded for their reckless disregard of our nation's laws.

## **Congressman Miller Urges Support for 241 Toll Road Project Appeal**

Last week, Congressman Miller and seven other area Congressmen delivered a letter to Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez urging support for the 241 Toll Road project. The letter, which will be read into the public record, comes as the U.S. Department of Commerce weighs whether to allow the 241 Toll Road project to move forward. The Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA) have worked to complete the final 16 miles and finish a road which now stops abruptly in the middle of empty land. At a hearing in February, however, the California Coastal Commission voted to deny TCA's request for a consistency certification, a necessary step for construction to move forward. Congressman Miller's letter urges the Secretary to override the Coastal Commission's irresponsible decision. He will continue to support this vital project which will reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the region.

## **Helpful Government Websites**

***Tax Refund Checks:*** Wondering where your refund is? The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) now has links on their website to online tools that can assist taxpayers in finding out when their stimulus payment will arrive and the amount that will be received. To access the "Where's My Refund?" link, please visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

***Identity Theft:*** Selected federal agencies have recently teamed up to help provide tips for preventing online identity theft. This new website provides practical information from federal agencies to help guard against Internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information. It can be accessed at [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov). If you require assistance with the IRS or any other federal agency, please do not hesitate to contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

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