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Dear Friends,

Fort Hood

It has been a difficult 24 hours in Texas and for our men and women in uniform stationed around the world. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. Fort Hood sits just to the north of my district and many of my constituents have trained and deployed from there. It is apparent that Mr. Hasan has suffered from emotional experiences. However, there are several red flags suggesting Mr. Hasan was motivated by his religious and political beliefs and as Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Intelligence Subcommittee and with my background in counter-terrorism, I believe these should be investigated thoroughly. Friday I was privileged to [manage a House resolution introduced by my friend, Congressman John Carter](#). Judge Carter left Washington so he could be at Fort Hood, which is in his district, in a time of great need.

Democrats' Healthcare Bill

We expect to vote on H.R. 3962 as early as Saturday. However, it is possible a vote on the Democrats' trillion dollar takeover of healthcare may not happen until Sunday or beyond as Speaker Pelosi tries to garner the support of Blue Dog conservative Democrats. [On Thursday, I spoke to thousands of citizens](#) assembled in front of the Capitol to express their dislike of Speaker Pelosi's attempt to overhaul our current healthcare system. I took part in roundtable discussions, webcasts, and protests to show my disapproval of the bill and shed light on the many details and truths of H.R. 3962. The majority leadership is likely to limit debate to 4-5 hours before the vote and only allow one amendment to the bill. This is hardly enough time to discuss one of the most important and complex pieces of legislation that will affect the lives of every American. Instead, **I am a co-sponsor of the Republican Alternative**, which will result in a decrease in the price of premiums for individuals and families as well as a decrease in federal spending. [You can view text of the democrats' healthcare bill, the Republican alternative and other related information here.](#)

The Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act

The House passed, and I voted against H.R. 2868. This bill applies extensive and new regulations for chemical facilities, wastewater treatment plants, and drinking water systems at a cost of \$900 million over the next three years. Additionally, this bill includes a precedent to allow civilians to bring lawsuits against federal agencies in a national security context. With this option included in the bill, the ability for sensitive security information to get into the wrong hands increases dramatically. Therefore, I offered an amendment to H.R. 2868 so the Department of Homeland Security could retain its authority and distinction in matters relating to security information. The amendment was not accepted.

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Veterans Day Appreciation Coffee

On another note, I am happy to be returning to the district later next week to honor our Veterans. I encourage each of you to take a moment to thank those around you who have protected and served our country. I will be participating in events across my district on Veterans Day and hope you can attend a Veterans Appreciation Coffee on Wednesday, November 11th from 5:30-6:30pm at my Tomball office, 990 Village Square, Suite B. If you have any questions, contact my Austin office at (512) 473-2357.

In The News

[Fox News Video - Ft. Hood](#)

[MSNBC Video - Ft. Hood](#)

[Nightline Video - Ft. Hood](#)

[USA Today - Ft. Hood](#)

[KLBJ - Ft. Hood](#)

[KSEV - Healthcare](#)

[12 Dead, 31 Wounded in Ft. Hood Shooting \(Statesman\)](#)

[Health plan a threat to Texas Institutions \(Houston Chronicle\)](#)

[House GOP Set to Challenge Chemical Plant Security \(Global Security Newswire\)](#)

[Texans Mount Campaign to keep Army Truck Contract \(govexec.com\)](#)

[Congress Pressures Obama to pick Cybersecurity Coordinator \(Daily Tech\)](#)



Congressman McCaul and other members of the Texas Delegation read the 1,990 pages of H.R. 3962.



Congressman McCaul attends a healthcare rally in Washington, D.C.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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