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Dear Friends,

I am back in Washington after a busy district work period. It was great to have the opportunity to see so many of you at events last week.

Healthcare

I am discouraged to see that the President has released yet another version of the same government takeover that Democrats forced through the House and Senate. Although the American people have clearly voiced their opposition to this approach, the President is ignoring the call to start over. A quick look at the posted summary shows the White House’s “compromise” still focuses on the same unpopular principles: increased government interference and regulation, increased taxes, increased health care spending, and mandates on American citizens. This proposal is unacceptable, will not lower health care costs for many Americans, and unfortunately does not address the many [Republican alternatives](#).

Austin Plane Crash

The pilot who deliberately crashed his plane into a government building in Austin last week was a troubled individual not connected with any organized terrorist networks. However, it reminds us that we are still vulnerable to terrorist attacks. My prayers are with the families of those affected by this tragedy. The rapid response and coordination of the Austin Fire and Police Departments, EMS and federal investigators, along with the heroic efforts of ordinary citizens, spared the lives of many.



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Congressman McCaul thanks first responders for their heroic efforts.



Congressman McCaul talks with WWII Veteran Col. Ramon Laughter at the opening of the Veterans' Affairs Student Center at Lone Star College in Tomball. Also pictured are Col Laughter's wife, Reba, and son, Ray, LSC's Vice Chancellor of External Affairs.



Faculty and students of Reagan High School's XY-Zone program named Congressman McCaul an honorary brother during a visit last week. The mentor program helps at-risk high school boys develop leadership skills and teaches them to deal with life's challenges in a positive way.

In The News

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[Houston Chronicle- In federal legislation, a win for cybersecurity](#)

[Bloomberg.com - Afghan Taliban Chief's Capture Shows Pakistan May Get Tougher](#)

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With Best Regards,



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