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FROM THE DESK OF CONGRESSMAN ROB WOODALL

History in the Making

This week our nation saw history unfold as the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of the President's health care law. What has become one of the most extensive oral arguments (three days' worth) in a long time will, in just a few months, become one of the most monumental judicial decisions in our nation's history. You can listen to the oral arguments in their entirety by [clicking here](#).

James Madison wrote in *Federalist 45*, "The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government, are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the state governments are numerous and indefinite." Certain national politicians seem to have forgotten these words from the father of our founding document and now our federalist system hangs in the balance. If the President's health care law remains on the books, the fundamental role of government in relation to the lives of the American people will dramatically shift—in the wrong direction.

As the outcome of this case unfolds, know that I will continue fighting to preserve freedom by keeping the already too-expansive role of the federal government from expanding even more.

Preserving Medicare For Years to Come

Medicare is one of this nation's most essential entitlement programs. I'm willing to bet that either you or someone you know currently receives it. It's no secret that Medicare is in trouble as its costs continue to grow by over 7% a year and, according to many experts, the Medicare Trust Fund will be bankrupt by 2022. The debate about how to fix this issue rages on, and I want to hear from you. Please consider submitting your answer to this poll question below.

What is the most effective way to save Medicare?

- The government should eliminate traditional Medicare for younger workers, provide seniors with a basic level of insurance premium support, and allow seniors to choose from a variety of Medicare plans, like federal employees do today.
- We should allow people to continue with current Medicare if they want, but allow those who want to opt-out in favor of a premium support model to do so.
- Medicare shouldn't change at all. Medicare isn't contributing to the debt, we just need to raise taxes to pay for increased Medicare costs.
- Other

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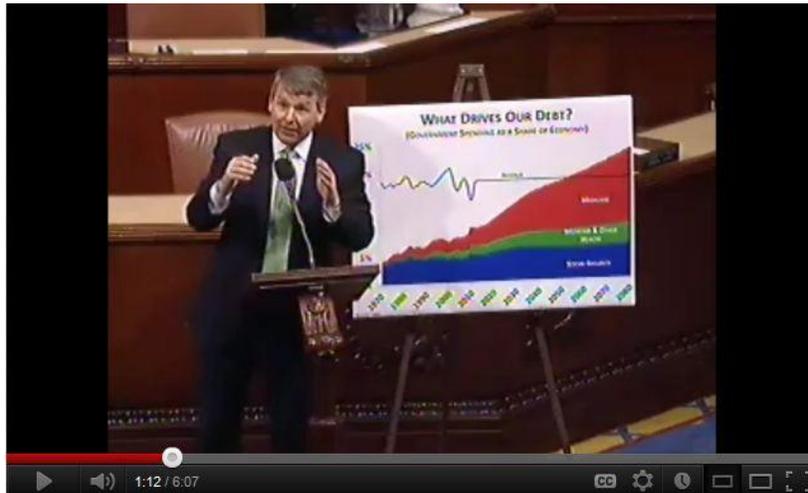
Yet Another Barrier to American Jobs

On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continued its assault on American energy by handing down its first "green house gas" regulation for American power plants. This new regulation will force even more power plants to close their doors and add to the cost of electricity bills for Georgia families each month. Regulations like this one threatens to derail our fragile economic recovery, destroy American jobs, and raise costs on the American consumer.

I was proud to vote for H.R. 910, the Energy Tax Prevention Act, which passed the House with bipartisan support. This bill would provide much-needed relief to America's families and businesses by halting the EPA's destructive, radical agenda while leaving in place important, sensible protections. Another bill, H.R. 2401, the TRAIN Act, would force the EPA to conduct cost-benefit analyses on the most burdensome of their proposed rules. Not surprisingly, the Democrat-led Senate has refused to consider either of these bipartisan solutions.

Protecting Our Nation's Economic Future

This week, my colleagues and I in the House of Representatives voted on and passed "The Path to Prosperity: A Blueprint for American Renewal," the proposed FY2013 budget from the House Budget Committee. As a Member of the Budget Committee, I have proudly worked with my colleagues to craft a budget plan that cuts spending by \$5 trillion relative to the President's proposed budget, prevents tax increases and reduces debt as a share of the economy over the next decade. **You can click on the image below** to watch my Floor remarks on this important budget blueprint:



America's Best Days Are Still Ahead

A busy day in Washington, D.C., isn't a solemn day with people in dark suits walking quietly from place to place. It's a sea of Americans from all walks of life flooding Capitol Hill to see our historic landmarks, to meet with their representatives, and to learn from each other. From teachers and

nurses, to veterans and convenience store owners, to families and scout troops—I am inspired by my visits with them all. Each meeting is a wonderful reminder that the folks back home have not lost hope, and that we are all working together to build a stronger, better America.

Thank you for all that you do to keep this nation great, and I look forward to our continued partnership in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rob Woodell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Member of Congress