

I voted Yes on the Senate Amendment to H.R. 674, to repeal the 3 percent withholding on payments made to vendors by government entities, and for other purposes.

As you may know, H.R. 674 repealed the 3 percent withholding requirement which would have required local, state and federal governments to withhold 3 percent from all payments to any business who contract goods and services. I was pleased to vote for this bill on October 27, 2011, which passed the House by a vote of 405-16.

The Senate Amendment to H.R. 674 included a provision to adjust the Modified Gross Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) definition to qualify for certain health benefits. This provision originally passed the House by a vote 262-157 on October 27, 2011. The Amendment also included incentives for employers to reduce the high unemployment rate of our veterans. Specifically, the bill will provide between \$2,400 and \$9,600 in tax credits to employers who hire unemployed veterans and those with service-connected disabilities. This provision was included in H.R. 2433, the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act, which I supported and passed the House by a vote of 418-6 on October 12, 2011.

The bill passed by a vote of 422 - 0 and now heads to the President's desk for his signature.