



Yesterday was Labor Day, a reminder that hardworking families in IL-15 deserve leaders who fight for them. Unfortunately, what we're seeing in Washington tells us the opposite.

Last week, the CDC Director was abruptly fired, followed by senior health leaders resigning in protest.

**That may sound like Washington politics, but here's the truth:** chaos in D.C. means consequences for us right here at home.

- **Public Health Programs at Risk:** Maternal and child health, disease-prevention labs, and violence-prevention programs could disappear, leaving rural families exposed.
- **Medicaid Cuts Threaten Rural Hospitals:** Nine rural hospitals in Illinois are already on the brink. Without Medicaid support, working families, seniors, and veterans will lose care.
- **Mental Health and Safety Services Shrinking:** Cuts to community mental health and substance-use treatment mean families in IL-15 will be at risk, with nowhere to turn.

**Here's the kicker:** These cuts don't take effect until 2027. That delay isn't about good policy — it's about winning in 2026.

For working families, that delay means the pain is hidden until after the next election. But when it hits, it will hit hard: higher utility bills, fewer teachers in classrooms, and even deeper threats to our rural hospitals.

Delaying these cuts until 2027 is nothing more than political cover, a trick to protect incumbents while leaving working families to pay the price later.

And Mary Miller? She's voted for these cuts again and again. She won't stand up for our families — but I will. Because representation means listening, showing up, and fighting for every community in IL-15.

I'm running because IL-15 deserves someone who shows up, listens, and fights for working families.

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