

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) co-hosted a live [America Speaking Out](#) program today on the Ray Roberts radio program on KQMS in Redding, California. America Speaking Out is a program designed to gain the input of the American public in order to know what they feel the best way to reverse President Obama and Speaker Pelosi's massive government expansion and get America back on a fiscally sustainable path. This is the first in a series of events that Congressman Herger will be conducting during the Congressional District Work Period. Over the course of the hour, Congressman Herger discussed the program and what he has heard thus far from Northern California residents. Congressman Herger and Mr. Roberts then opened up the phone lines and took calls on a variety of issues, like fiscal responsibility and government-run healthcare, that concern the people in the North State. Herger will take these comments, suggestions, and concerns back to Washington. After the event, Herger released a statement on the importance of the America Speaking Out initiative.

"I have been traveling throughout our district, meeting with people, talking to small business owners, and discussing many important issues. I have heard that people are scared. They're scared about our massive debt and out of control spending. They're scared that government will take over health care, that there will be rationing and our nation will go bankrupt as a result. They're concerned over an unethical, secretive Democrat Majority that has rammed major pieces of legislation through behind closed doors with backroom deals. They're worried about our national security and our ability to keep ourselves safe from terrorists. And on top of all that, they're asking 'Where are the jobs?'

"It's clear that the Administration and Democrat Leadership in Congress aren't listening to the American people. It's even more clear that people are fed up with the direction we're heading. That's what America Speaking Out is all about. I want to know what you think and what ideas you have. I will never stop listening to North State citizens, because, as we move forward, it is essential that we have the citizens' thoughts and opinions as we shape a new governing agenda that derives from and respects the will of the American people."