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Childers Holds Live Video Teleconference at Local Colleges

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Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) held a small business roundtable to discuss legislative efforts to promote small business growth in North Mississippi. The Congressman held the discussion from Washington, D.C. via a live video teleconference at five local colleges with over 100 members of North Mississippi's small business community.

Participating colleges included East Mississippi Community College-Golden Triangle Campus, Itawamba Community College-Fulton, Northeast Mississippi Community College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, and the University of Mississippi.

Last week, Congressman Childers introduced the Invest in Small Business Act of 2008 (H.R. 6507) to encourage investment in small businesses by cutting taxes on investors and increasing the number of small businesses eligible for tax cuts. This is the first piece of legislation Congressman Childers has introduced since coming to Congress.

The Congressman also recently signed on as a co-sponsor of the bipartisan Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Act (H.R. 6210). The SHOP Act would make it easier for small businesses to provide quality, affordable health care to their employees by offering incentives such as tax credits to small business owners and self-employed individuals, as well as an option for small businesses to form statewide or nationwide purchasing pools.

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