

Veep is Back in Town

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Vice President Cheney comes to town today to deliver a speech on the economy at the Merc, then caravans over to a Chicago hotel to raise money for 8th Congressional District Republican candidate David McSweeney. He's running against Democratic U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean.

As such, Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky of Evanston issued a statement of greeting Thursday: "Most Americans are struggling to pay the rising cost of health care, college tuition, heating costs, and gas prices while their wages fail to keep up. Instead of voting to raise the minimum wage this week, Republicans voted in favor of nearly eliminating the estate tax for a very few super-rich Americans like Paris Hilton. If the minimum wage had risen at the same rate as CEO compensation, it would now be \$25.00 rather than a pitiful \$5.15 an hour -- far from livable..The vice president can try to talk up the economy, but no-nonsense Chicagoans know the Emperor has no clothes."

Cheney was here earlier this month to raise national money in Lake Forest and visited DuPage County in March to raise money for 6th District Republican Peter Roskam.