

...is how Congressman Pence, along with Congressman Jeb Hensarling were described in today's *Washington Times'* [editorial](#) :

In the House, conservative Republican stalwarts like Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana and Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Texas have been mobilizing opponents of the bailout bill. Their message is starting to get through. Rep. Ray LaHood, a moderate Illinois Republican who is retiring from Congress, told administration officials yesterday that the measure would not pass. Congressman Pence is also mentioned by Jim Shella as among Hoosier lawmakers who are [weighing in](#) on the bailout plan.

Indiana Congressman Mike Pence has been making the network rounds in the last few days, saying some similar things.

"Now's the time for us to be dealing with the root causes of this economic downturn and not simply opening the cash window at the Federal Reserve and writing one bailout check after another ," *said Pence.*

*He also objects, philosophically, to the use of taxpayer money to revitalize Wall Street because, he said, the problems there can be traced to a weak dollar and the high cost of energy. **"Well, I'm very concerned about where it will end** ,"* *said Pence.*

Congressman Pence's position has resonated among Hoosier circles, *WISH TV* [reports](#) :

But Republican Congressman Mike Pence continues to oppose the bailout. Pence went on C-Span to make the argument.

"I'm just very concerned that our first answer here is, looking at bad decisions from Washington to Wall Street, is to say to the broad range of the American people, 'You need to pay for it' ," *said Pence.*

Pence is not alone. Opposition to the bailout plan produced a small protest at the federal building downtown Indianapolis. ACORN, the Association of Community Organization for Reform Now, organized it.

Congressman Pence's office has also been deluged with phone calls, emails and faxes from concerned Hoosiers, [as noted by the Indianapolis Star today](#) :

Rep. Mike Pence, one of the first members of Congress to come out against the proposal, has gotten more than 300 calls opposing the plan and only nine in favor. The more than 500 e-mails the Columbus Republican's office has received on the issue are similarly overwhelmingly opposed.