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Tax Freeze and Spending Cuts Best Pathway to Job Creation

Recently, House Republicans introduced a [two-point plan](#) to strengthen the economy. It would immediately cut spending by nearly \$100 billion to give entrepreneurs and investors greater confidence that Congress is serious about beginning the process of addressing our alarming debt. Second, it would encourage job creation by assuring small businesses that they won't have to send more money to Washington come January. It takes the exact opposite approach of President Obama and Speaker Pelosi, who have pushed higher taxes on small businesses and more government spending.

Unfortunately, the President reaffirmed his commitment to raising taxes on small businesses at the beginning of next year and adding billions more to the debt through new spending. But over 2.6 million Americans have lost their jobs since the failed \$812 billion stimulus took effect, and the President's own former top budget advisor recently declared that raising taxes now would "make an already stagnating jobs market worse." Indeed, how can business owners plan to expand and hire new workers when the largest tax increase in history is staring them in the face? I believe we need a new approach to spur job creation and get our fiscal house in order.

I hope President Obama and Speaker Pelosi will recognize the failures of their tax and spend approach and enact these important proposals in a bipartisan fashion. While much more needs to be done to address our spiraling debt and help the economy grow and create jobs over the long term, these are two first steps that could be taken to restore confidence when Congress returns in September.

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Success in Iraq a Testament to Our Troops

President Obama recently addressed the American people and announced the formal completion of combat operations in Iraq. I am very encouraged that our nation's mission in Iraq is transitioning to an advisory and training role. This development reflects the tremendous progress Iraq has made in maintaining its security and becoming a stable and functioning democracy. In turn, our national security has been enhanced because today's Iraq bolsters the hope of the millions of people in the region who seek freedom and peace while dealing a heavy blow to the radical jihadists and dangerous regimes who long for destruction and regional dominance.

Our troops who have fought in Iraq deserve our deepest gratitude and respect for the sacrifices they have made to keep us secure and free here at home. They have built a foundation for success in Iraq that's rooted in democracy's fundamental principles: freedom, the rule of law, and fair elections. It is my hope and prayer that the families of those that gave what Lincoln called 'the last full measure of devotion' find peace in knowing that their sacrifices were not in vain but instead continued the long tradition of Americans who took up the banner of freedom to strengthen the security of our nation. Please click [here](#) to read my full comments on the President's address and the path we should take in moving forward in Afghanistan.

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America Speaking Out

During the August District Work Period, I traveled across the North State, hosting events as part of House Republicans' initiative, "[America Speaking Out.](#)" ASO is a program designed to solicit the American people's opinions about the current government expansion and to offer their ideas for getting our nation back on a fiscally sustainable path. Among other events, I co-hosted a radio call-in hour on KQMS in Redding, met with local college students, listened to the concerns of our local farmers, and spent time with local Tea Party groups. You can continue to provide your views by visiting the ASO website or by [contacting me directly](#)

. I appreciate hearing the views of everyone who has participated. It is a privilege to represent you in Congress and I will continue working to make sure that the call for limited government, lower taxes, and accountability in Washington are heard loud and clear.

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