

House Republicans Walk Away From Compromise, Refuse to Vote on Bipartisan Bill to Continue Middle Class Tax Cuts

Continuing the House Republicans' pattern of walking away from compromise, they are refusing to hold a vote on the bipartisan Senate bill that will prevent a middle class tax increase as we continue to work on a year-long extension. We must give certainty to American families that on January 1 they will not see their taxes go up, they will not lose unemployment assistance, and seniors will not lose access to their doctors. By blocking a vote on the Senate bill, House Republicans will be responsible for increasing taxes on families and putting our economy at risk.

This isn't the first time Republicans have walked away from compromise, while Democrats stepped up to take responsible action:

- December 3: Republicans walked away from the Bowles-Simpson Bipartisan Fiscal Commission and abandoned compromise that would take meaningful action to address our deficit.
- March 15: 54 Republicans walked away from a Continuing Resolution that would keep the government funded for three weeks, relying on 85 Democrats to pass the bill.
- April 14: 59 Republicans walked away from a Continuing Resolution that would keep the government funded for the full year, relying on 81 Democrats to pass the bill.
- June 23: Majority Leader Cantor walked away from the Biden debt limit talks, refusing to abandon Republicans' ideological stance protecting millionaires and billionaires from paying their fair share, and putting our nation at risk of default. Meanwhile, Democrats were willing to put all options on the table to address the deficit and pay our nation's bills.
- July 22: Speaker Boehner walked away from debt limit negotiations with President Obama putting our nation at risk of default and failing to take meaningful action on the deficit in order to protect tax cuts for the wealthy.
- August 1: 66 Republicans walked away from a bill that would ensure our nation pays its bills, relying on 95 Democrats in order to avoid default and ensure America would meet its obligations.
- November 17: 101 Republicans walked away from a conference report for the Agriculture, Commerce-Justice-Science, and Transportation-HUD Appropriations bills, relying on 165 Democrats to pass the bill.
- November 21: Republicans walked away from the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. Instead of working with Democrats on a plan to create jobs, reduce the deficit, strengthen entitlements, and ensure all Americans pay their fair share, Republicans refused to abandon their partisan position.
- December 16: 86 Republicans walked away from the omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 2012, relying on 149 Democrats to pass the bill.

Democrats have proven that we are willing to work with Republicans to address must-pass items. It's time for Republicans to break this pattern of opposition and irresponsibility and work with Democrats to avoid tax hikes on the middle class, provide relief to Americans who lost their jobs through no fault of their own, and ensure seniors won't lose access to their doctors.