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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

With Congress now back from an over month-long break, I write to express my extreme disappointment with press reports stating the Majority will likely not be dealing with the looming “fiscal cliff” in any substantive way before the end of the year. Instead, it appears short-term extensions will again be the norm. The American people are tired of Congress not doing the work they were sent here to do, likely why this Congress is the least popular in history.

This news comes after the decision to send the House of Representatives on vacation for the month of August a day early without action on critical looming issues like the Bush tax policies, sequestration, the wind energy production credit, the research and development credit, the sustainable growth rate, the biodiesel credit, and expiration of Midwestern Area Disaster Bonds to name a few. Even after this extended recess, it does not seem any action has been taken to find compromise ground and move forward a substantive proposal.

Congress should be working toward a real solution to these looming issues and finding compromise. As a result of this uncertainty created by playing politics as usual, Moody’s Investors Service has now said it will likely cut its “AAA” rating of U.S. debt if agreement cannot be reached. We already saw the result of similar brinksmanship last year with the first-ever downgrade because of a failure to work together. The current situation we are faced with, particularly with sequestration is of Congress’ own doing – a proposal I opposed for this exact reason.

I know that Iowans expect work to be done toward moving forward substantive proposals on pressing issues like the “fiscal cliff” that has the potential to throw the economy back into a recession. Americans elected Congress to get things done for the American people, not cause more harm as we struggle to recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression. I respectfully urge your attention to moving forward substantive proposals on the “fiscal cliff” and hope I can work in a bipartisan fashion to help move forward common-sense proposals.

Sincerely,



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