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The Honorable John Boehner
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Dear Speaker Boehner:

I write today to strongly urge you to keep the House of Representatives in session and working every day instead of sending Members of Congress on yet another undeserved vacation. The last thing Congress deserves is a twelve day vacation when so much work has been left undone or kicked down the road.

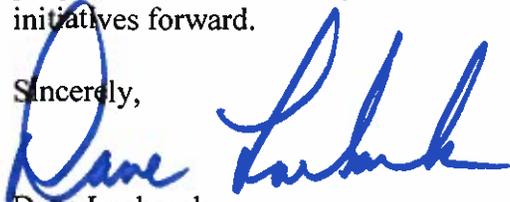
On the heels of irresponsible and reckless manufactured crises that took our economy to the brink and slowed economic growth, news reports indicate that instead of redoubling efforts to rebuild the economy and boost job creation, the House Majority is considering reducing the already paltry number of work days scheduled in the House for the rest of the year. Such a proposal is simply unacceptable.

The list of unfinished work is long and full of critically important initiatives, especially for our rural areas. Congress must finalize a Farm Bill that can be signed into law to support our farmers and rural economies; enact the Water Resources Reform and Development Act which is critical to economic development and commerce; finalize a responsible budget and avoid another eleventh hour partisan fight; extend tax credits and deductions critical to middle class families and job creators such as the renewable energy sector; finalize the National Defense Authorization Act to ensure our troops and military families have the support they need; and permanently fix the Sustainable Growth Rate to ensure seniors and veterans have access to care. This is just a snapshot of the work that remains to be completed.

To say these matters are of critical importance to the Iowans I represent, job creators across the country, and our economy is a vast understatement. The idea that Congress would go on a vacation while this work remains unfinished is irresponsible and, frankly, a failure to perform the work the American people expect of their elected representatives.

I call you on to keep the House in session and working every day to get the work of the American people done. I stand ready to continue to work on a bipartisan basis to move these critically important initiatives forward.

Sincerely,



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