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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Mr. President, Senator Reid, Senator McConnell, Speaker Boehner, and Leader Pelosi:

I have been pushing Congress for months to address all elements of the Fiscal Cliff, including sequestration, which was created by the Budget Control Act. Unfortunately, time and again Washington kicked the can down the road, culminating in this week's last-minute vote.

While the bill that was passed this week will keep income tax rates from rising for middle-class families who can't afford a tax hike, taxes will still increase for Iowa families. It is not the broad, balanced proposal I have been pushing for to boost the middle-class, grow the economy, and set our country on a sustainable and responsible path forward. Moreover, it is only a two-month reprieve from the Budget Control Act's artificial deadline.

Iowans deserve better than the brinkmanship and posturing that has made our economy a pawn in unconscionable political games over the last year. That is why I urge you to immediately begin discussions to address the unsustainable long-term deficit and debt, prevent our economy from sliding backwards, and create jobs.

As we have seen over the last few days, eleventh hour negotiations do not serve the American people or our economy. There can be no delays – discussions must start immediately. I stand ready to work with you to find a balanced, bipartisan, and commonsense path forward.

Sincerely,


Dave Loebsock

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