



September 7, 2017

Key Vote NO on the Continuing Appropriations Act, H.R. 601

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and tell him or her to vote NO on the Continuing Appropriations Act, H.R. 601. The bill would increase the debt limit and fund the federal government through December 8 without any spending or regulatory reforms. There are no guarantees that the situation will be any different when Congress revisits the issue in December.

Since August 2011, when the Budget Control Act became law, the public's share of the national debt has grown by \$4.511 trillion. The total national debt, including intergovernmental holdings, has grown \$5.264 trillion. As the national debt approaches \$20 trillion, this Republican-controlled Congress has offered no plan to address Washington's addiction to spending.

Unfortunately, Congress is poised to increase the debt limit without any conservative reforms, disgustingly use supplemental disaster funding as the vehicle to do so. Even more concerning is the plot brewing to completely eliminate the debt limit, taking away a tool conservatives have successfully used in the past to win reforms.

We have reached a critical point. At a time when grassroots conservative engagement is essential to pass priorities like fundamental tax reform, the administration and a Republican-controlled Congress are playing right into the hands of leftists like Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi. A debt limit increase without any spending or regulatory reforms would only further anger grassroots conservatives, risking their support for other priorities.

FreedomWorks will count the vote on the Continuing Appropriations Act, H.R. 601, and reserves the right to score any related votes. The scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
President, FreedomWorks