

KEY VOTE “NO” on Speaker Boehner’s “Plan B” Tax Plan

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Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your Representative and urge him or her to vote against Speaker Boehner’s “Plan B” tax plan. This bill, being offered as replacement language for H.J.Res. 66, would prevent automatic tax rate increases for most individuals, but would allow taxes to automatically increase for some higher-income Americans.

Congress ought to avert the automatic tax increases for all Americans. While the bill would be vastly better than the deal which Speaker Boehner has reportedly been discussing with President Obama, the cause of fiscal conservatism could be set back by the House passing this legislation in the current environment.

This is not the time to be negotiating about how much automatic tax hikes should be. Raising taxes is not the way to get America out of our fiscal mess. Washington has an over-spending problem, not an under-taxing problem. Instead, we should be focusing upon fixing our labyrinthine tax code and reforming our out-of-control spending and our unsustainable entitlements. Only by making these real, substantial reforms will we be able to get our fiscal house in order and avoid another damaging debt downgrade.

While Speaker Boehner’s “Plan B” does not, strictly speaking, contain any tax hikes, its passage will be widely interpreted by the Washington establishment and the left-wing media as a capitulation to the President’s demand for higher taxes. That will only embolden the supporters of ever-bigger government. Republicans, especially, should take a strong stand against President Obama’s cynical politics of dividing Americans against one another.

There is a better way to avoid the fiscal cliff. FreedomWorks has been urging Congress to keep its promise of \$1.2 trillion in ten-year sequester savings, extend all current tax rates for one year, and reform taxes and entitlements.

I urge you to call your Representative and ask him or her to vote NO on Speaker Boehner’s “Plan B” tax plan. We will count any vote on this proposal as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2012. The Economic Freedom Scorecard is used to determine eligibility for the FreedomFighter Award, which recognizes members of Congress with voting records that support economic freedom.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MK", on a light blue background.

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