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Key Vote YES on Lee Amendment to H.R. 152 – to Offset Disaster Relief Spending

Dear FreedomWorks member,

As one of our millions of FreedomWorks members nationwide, I urge you to contact your U.S. Senators and urge them to vote YES on the Lee Amendment (S.Amdt. 4) to H.R. 152, which would slightly reduce discretionary spending across the board in order to offset new spending in the bill.

H.R. 152, which is intended to fund disaster relief for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, contains billions of dollars in new deficit spending. While FreedomWorks opposes much of the spending in the so-called “Disaster Relief Appropriations Act” generally, at the very least its spending increases should not be allowed to add to the nation’s \$16.4 trillion in debt.

Senator Mike Lee’s amendment to the bill will account for the emergency spending by cutting \$6.3 billion in 2013 spending, and by simply lowering the spending cap under the Budget Control Act by 0.49% each of the next eight years. This simple, common-sense, across-the-board cut actually reduces spending by slightly more than the cost of the bill, resulting in a net savings instead of billions in new debt.

If Washington intends to get serious about addressing its reckless spending, this simple reduction – only half of one percent of total discretionary spending – should be a no-brainer.

I urge you to call your U.S. Senators and ask them to vote YES on the Lee Amendment (S.Amdt. 4) to H.R. 152. We will count the vote on the amendment as a KEY VOTE when calculating the FreedomWorks Economic Freedom Scorecard for 2013. 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,

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