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## **Key Vote YES on the Portman “End Government Shutdowns” Amendment to H.R. 325**

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 Portman “End Government Shutdowns Act” amendment to H.R. 325.

Because the U.S. Senate has refused to pass a budget since 2009, the government has been funded through a series of Continuing Resolutions (CRs), which just continue spending at the levels approved under the last actual budget. If Congress fails to pass a CR, all annually appropriated spending would cease until they pass either a real budget or another CR.

Each Continuing Resolution is an avoidance of the primary duty of Congress – to set forth a budget that is within the government’s means. Worse, the CRs continue to spend at a level that will continue our nearly trillion-dollar annual deficit in perpetuity.

Senator Portman’s amendment would force the Senate to do its job in the event that the current CR expires by scheduling automatic across-the-board spending cuts of one percentage point for every 90 days until Congress passes another CR or a real budget. If Congress fails to respond to these automatic cuts, the worst that will happen is that the government’s unsustainable spending might be reduced to a manageable level.

I urge you to call your U.S. Senators and ask them to vote YES on the Portman “End Government Shutdowns Act” amendment to H.R. 325. We may count the vote on this 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,

Matt Kibbe, President and CEO, FreedomWorks