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Hensarling Provides Update on Appropriations Debate, Earmark Transparency, Veto Effort

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Jeb Hensarling (R-TX) – the Chairman of the [Republican Study Committee](#) who has led the GOP charge to hold Democrats accountable to their campaign promises on earmarks and transparency by preparing over 60 amendments to the Homeland Security appropriations bill – today issued the following update on the ongoing appropriations process and Chairman Obey’s earmark slush fund:

“Just as we have been in the past, House conservatives are united in protecting American taxpayers, and we intend to continue to use all means within our power to highlight the Democrats’ hypocrisy on fiscal responsibility, earmark reform and transparency. The actions of Chairman Obey and the Democrat leadership are contrary to the best interests of American taxpayers and stand in stark contrast to those that they espoused during the 2006 campaign cycle.

“Americans have seen Democrats abandon their promises on issue after issue, so it really isn’t much of a shock that 8 out of 10 people disapprove of their stewardship of the House. Conservatives will continue to use every opportunity to remind hardworking Americans of the Democrats’ hollow promises of fiscal responsibility while working to ensure that taxpayers are protected from the massive tax hikes that fuel their runaway spending.

“In addition to our efforts on behalf of taxpayers on the House floor, a second front of our strategy to reign in a Democrat spending binge [is a pledge](#) to sustain a Presidential veto of any Democrat passed spending bill that exceeds the White House budget request. I am proud to say that House Republicans have united around that effort and it appears that we have the support to uphold the President’s veto of bloated spending bills that Democrats attempt to push through. We will provide additional details on this portion of our strategy this week.”

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Congressman Jeb Hensarling is Chairman of the Republican Study Committee (RSC).

