Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

May 8, 2012

The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker
House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Eric Cantor
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Cantor:

We write to express our support for a fully open appropriations process in which all twelve appropriations bills are brought individually to the House floor and every member is given an opportunity to offer amendments.

We agree wholeheartedly with Speaker Boehner who said, "Let's do away with the concept of 'comprehensive' spending bills. Let's break them up, to encourage scrutiny, and make spending cuts easier." To make this possible, House Republicans promised in the Pledge to America to "advance major legislation one issue at a time" and "let any lawmaker – Democrat or Republican – offer amendments to reduce spending."

This vision for an open, transparent spending process is not new – it is a return to the regular order which was discarded during four years of Democrat control of the House. The new Republican House majority came to Washington with a mandate from the American people to address this historic breakdown in spending controls and to stem the tide of spending and debt. We began that work by passing a responsible budget, bringing spending bills to the House floor individually and under open rules, and letting the House work its will.

There is still much to be done to keep runaway spending and debt from destroying our economy and diminishing the prosperity of future generations. We encourage you to build on last year's progress as we work together to put America back on a path to fiscal sanity.

Sincerely,

Tom McClintock

Jim Jordan

James Lankford

Mick Mulvaney

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