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Dear Friends,

Instead of moving forward on something everyone agrees on —cutting taxes on the middle class—Republicans in the House have instead chosen to double-down on their efforts to protect special tax breaks for the wealthy.



House Republicans are holding middle class tax cuts hostage so they can give tax breaks to the wealthiest 2%. This cynical hand-out to the rich would add \$930 billion to the national debt.

As it is, our tax code already favors billionaires and the largest corporations. That's why President Obama and Democrats in Congress have been working to cut taxes on the middle class and restore fairness to the tax code. In fact, the Democratic-controlled Senate has already passed the Obama tax cuts for 120 million families—promising lower taxes for fully 98% of all Americans and 97% of our small businesses.

Yet Republicans in the House have decided to hold these middle class tax cuts hostage in order to secure nearly \$1 trillion in wasteful tax breaks for the wealthiest 2%.

Some Republicans have argued that giving these special tax breaks to the wealthiest 2% is somehow good for the economy. But they've been receiving huge tax breaks for over a decade and jobs are harder to find than ever. Instead of giving giant tax breaks to the rich and expecting their prosperity to trickle down to the rest of us, we should focus on strengthening the middle class which has always been the engine of American economic growth.

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