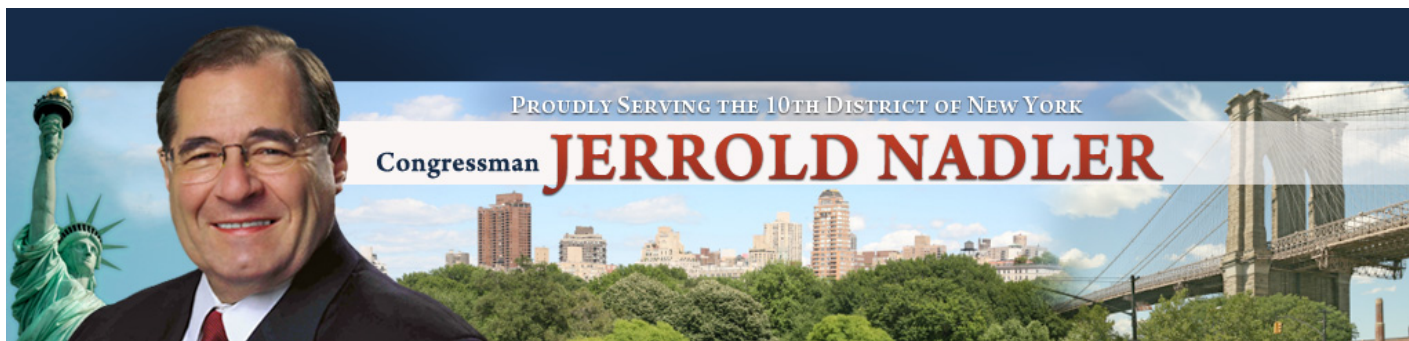


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Ever since President Obama took office in 2009, Republicans in Congress have cynically hoped to blame him for the economic consequences of their own program of cutting taxes for the rich while cutting services and safety nets for the working and middle class. Their latest attempt was to force the so-called “sequester” – a series of deep, arbitrary spending cuts across the board for domestic and defense programs – to take effect on March 1st.

This will jeopardize crucial services and programs across almost every aspect of our society, including \$27 million in cuts to benefits for 9/11 first responders and victims under the Zadroga Law.<sup>1</sup> These cuts could cost another one million American jobs and throw our economy back into recession.<sup>2</sup>



Rep. Nadler discusses the devastating effects on New York communities that could result from GOP obstruction on urgent fiscal matters.

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Effects of the GOP-imposed sequester will be devastating:

- Eliminating support for 1,600 victims of domestic violence in New York
- 4,300 New York children will be excluded from critical early childhood education
- 100,000 Americans would be forced out of housing and shelter programs
- 600,000 mothers and their children would be kicked out of nutrition programs

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- Mental health services for 373,000 patients would be threatened
- 7,400 fewer patients will have access to lifesaving HIV medications
- 10,000 teacher jobs and up to 7,200 special ed positions could be in jeopardy
- Risks public health by threatening to cut 2,100 food inspections

*Source: White House report<sup>3</sup>*

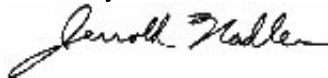
Democrats in Congress have offered balanced proposals to prevent these catastrophic cuts by reducing spending responsibly while closing tax loopholes available to the wealthiest and large corporations. Unfortunately, the Republicans in Congress have been unwilling to compromise, instead offering up the same tired and false choice between cutting essential services and running the United States economy into the ground.

Let me be clear: I will not support any proposal that seeks to reduce our deficit by gutting critical services instead of asking the wealthiest to pay their fair share. Likewise, I will not vote for any bill that undermines our rock solid obligation to those who depend on Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid benefits. Instead, I will continue to fight for a balanced solution that protects the middle class and small businesses while encouraging job creation and economic growth. It's time for Republicans to put aside political brinksmanship and agree to reasonable solutions to our economic problems.

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Sincerely,



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