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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Office of the Speaker
H232 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner,

It is expected that the Obama administration will formally ask Congress later this week to raise the nation's debt ceiling by \$1.2 trillion. I am writing to call on you to bring the House back into session, and vote on a resolution of disapproval for President Obama's request to raise the debt ceiling. Our nation's debt level has reached a point that is very dangerous for our economy, and we must not continue down this path.

Last August, many of us in the House reluctantly voted for an agreement to raise the nation's debt limit with the expectation that the so called Super Committee would do its job and cut spending by at least \$1.2 trillion. That effort failed in November and I no longer have confidence this process will produce any significant future spending reductions.

We must address our debt crisis head on by eliminating unnecessary government programs, consolidating programs, and reforming the entitlement programs. These are the drivers of our debt, and we must act now or risk a further downgrade of our credit.

I stand ready to return to Washington to vote against the request by President Obama and begin to work to address our budget problems immediately. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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