

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515-3601

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Majority Leader Harry Reid
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Reid:

This week, the United States Senate is expected to consider H.R. 933, the Department of Defense, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act of 2013. I write today to ask for your cooperation in ensuring that a critically important amendment proposed by Senator Ted Cruz of Texas be brought to the Senate Floor and given an up or down vote by all members of that body.

Senator Cruz's amendment, supported by Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and co-sponsored by Senators John Cornyn, James Inhofe, Mike Lee, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Ron Johnson, and James Risch would restrict any funds in this Continuing Resolution from being used by the federal bureaucracy to implement ObamaCare until economic growth in America returns from its currently anemic level back to the historical average.

The single greatest threats to America's long term fiscal stability are the skyrocketing cost of healthcare services and entitlement programs which have overpromised to such an extent that they can't possibly hope to deliver. It is my sincere belief that ObamaCare only makes this problem worse, and that six more months of new regulations handed down from Washington on businesses and individuals will make the kind of economic turnaround our country needs nearly impossible to achieve.

While my first preference would be a full and complete repeal of ObamaCare, I recognize that the only option available in this Continuing Resolution is to eliminate the funding that allows the IRS, HHS, and other agencies to draft and implement the hundreds of pages of new rules that ObamaCare requires. I also believe this doesn't have to be a purely partisan issue, and that many members of your own caucus - even those who voted to pass ObamaCare in the 111th Congress - would welcome this opportunity to stall ObamaCare's implementation and prevent it from causing any more damage to our economy.

As Majority Leader, you have a responsibility and obligation to uphold the traditions of the "World's Greatest Deliberative Body." ObamaCare is the most significant domestic policy issue of our time, and as such it deserves to be debated and voted upon at every opportunity. By allowing Senator Cruz's amendment to proceed, you will give your members a chance not only to stop the economic damage being caused by ObamaCare, but to communicate to their constituents exactly where they stand on this most serious issue. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Jim Bridenstine
Member of Congress