Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 20, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On November 2nd, in large part because of your leadership, the American people summarily rejected the out-of-control borrowing and spending of President Obama and the Pelosi-Reid Congress. Likewise, voters heard our message of restoring fiscal responsibility, and they decided to give our party one more chance in the majority to get things right.

We believe the first step in restoring the trust of the American people and rebuilding the American economy is, simply, to *do what we said we would do* during the campaign. Our first opportunity to do so will be upon us shortly.

The current continuing resolution (CR) will expire on March 4th. Under your leadership during the campaign, House Republicans boldly pledged to cut federal spending by $100 billion by returning current spending back to FY2008 levels.

Despite the added challenge of being four months into the current fiscal year, we still must keep our $100 billion pledge to the American people. These $100 billion in cuts to non-security discretionary spending not only ensure that we keep our word to the American people; they represent a credible down payment on the fiscally responsible measures that will be needed to get the nation's finances back on track.

With this historic opportunity to cut spending and grow our economy, it is critical that our Conference, at a minimum, meet the original $100 billion savings goal through the CR. We stand ready to work with you on finding the savings needed to reverse the fiscally irresponsible policies of President Obama and the Pelosi-Reid Congress.

Sincerely,

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