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Dear Friends,

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Democrats voted last week to continue to put families deeper and deeper into debt: \$40,053 for every American. They have clearly ignored the demands of taxpayers over the past year to cut spending so they can continue to expand government. Raising the debt ceiling by another \$1.9 trillion to \$14.294 trillion represents the largest one time debt limit increase in our nation's history.

The vote came just one week after the President's State of the Union where he stressed the importance of fiscal responsibility. The third increase in the past year is expected to allow the Democrats to continue their reckless spending habits until after the November elections. Also included in H.J. Res. 45 is Statutory PAYGO, which states that any legislation that includes spending or tax breaks must also include a permanent tax increase. However, there are several exemptions from PAYGO including discretionary and emergency spending. PAYGO has historically been a cover for increasing taxes and does nothing to address our nation's massive debt, which currently totals 85% of GDP. Unfortunately, this bill passed.

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act

Last Thursday, the House passed H.R.4061 by a vote of 422-5, advancing legislation that is vital to our national security. I am the lead Republican sponsor of the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act. It is an important first step toward securing our federal computer networks from espionage and securing some of our nation's critical infrastructure from destruction and major disruptions of service. The Center for Strategic and International Studies' (CSIS) Commission on Cybersecurity, which I co-chaired, [presented a report](#) to President Obama detailing recommendations to secure our nation's government networks and critical infrastructure. Several of these recommendations are included in the bill.

H.R. 4061 sets security standards for federal computer systems and develops checklists for agencies to follow. It will improve coordination in and outside of government and improve R&D. Congressional hearings on Cybersecurity have revealed most federal agencies have been hacked into and that the federal government is under threat of cyber attack on a daily basis. [Please see some of my discussion on the House floor about the need for this legislation.](#)

Director of National Intelligence, Dennis Blair, testified before the House Intelligence Committee last week that the United States is at risk of a crippling cyber attack that could "wreak havoc" on our critical infrastructure. Blair: "When you look at the technological balance, right now it favors those who want to use the Internet for malicious purposes over those who want to use it for legal and lawful purposes."

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Congressman McCaul reads the President's proposed FY'11 budget.



Congressman McCaul presents the 2009 Outstanding Teaching of Humanities Award to Jim Ferguson, a teacher at McCallum High School in Austin.



Congressman McCaul meets with members of the International Facility Management Association, Tony Keane, Dave Brady, and Jeffrey Johnson.



Congressman McCaul meets with Jack Frels and Larry Eastep.



Congressman McCaul meets with Dan Moore of Cyberonics.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul".

Michael T. McCaul
Member of Congress

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