

Thoughts on State of the Union 2012

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I applaud President Obama's mission to rally the nation around the values that made the middle class the envy of the world: fairness and responsibility. Re-igniting the American Dream will take innovative policy approaches that win the future for the great American majority – the 99 percent.

This mission begins by preserving a payroll tax cut for American workers and extending unemployment insurance for 2 million Americans for the remainder of the year. Congress must lead on these issues right now. Congress must also deliver a budget that promotes the values of the American people and addresses the fundamental needs of the economy.

Building on my authorship of the Congressional Progressive Caucus's Budget in 2011, I look forward to once again leading this effort in 2012. The CPC's updated fiscal plan is written for working families. We recognize that middle-class folks are America's true job creators. They drive demand that spurs businesses to hire workers. The CPC's fiscal plan puts the 99 percent back on a path of financial security.

For two-hundred thirty six years, the story of America has been written by hardworking, imaginative men and women who roll up their sleeves, get to work, solve problems and propel our nation forward. The work of Congress in 2012 must embody the get-it-done story of America.

That's what the American people want. That's what the American people deserve.

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