

Today, San Antonio Congressman Charlie Gonzalez voted against the Republican tax package that would jeopardize the middle class tax cuts passed last year by attaching unrelated and controversial policy riders and requiring millions of seniors to pay more for health care. Congressman Gonzalez issued the following statement regarding the Republican tax bill:

“If Congress does not pass the renewal of the payroll tax cut before the end of the year, nearly 160 million working families will see their taxes go up by roughly \$1,000. Yet, the Republican tax package would require millions of seniors to pay more for health care, push thousands of children towards poverty, and cut funding for hospitals and nursing homes in order to continue an unfair tax policy that has not served our country well.

“This type of legislation, which is no more than political posturing, prevents Congress from doing the serious work needed to fix our nation’s economy. Further, a Republican refusal to cooperate threatens to enact a tax increase on the middle class. This would be a major setback for our nation’s economic recovery, and it jeopardizes working families’ income. It is time to quit playing politics and put policy above prideful ideology.”

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