“Thankfully, the House was able to work together to reach a bipartisan agreement to avoid a government shutdown, but these negotiations should have been completed far earlier in the year. However, Congress still has important work to finish before the end of the year, and we need to extend the payroll tax to provide tax relief to 160 million Americans without the complications of controversial and unrelated provisions. Moving forward, we cannot continue to operate the government under the constant threat of brinkmanship, and I hope that we are able to do the serious work needed to fix our nation’s economy and help America’s working families.”

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