

**8.7 MILLION MIDDLE CLASS TEXAS FAMILIES TO FACE TAX INCREASE
UNLESS CONGRESS ACTS**

Washington, D.C. – Today, Congressman Charlie Gonzalez issued the following statement on House Republicans' refusal to allow a middle class tax cuts package to move forward:

“The Senate has passed a plan that would cut the income taxes of every American who pays income taxes, preventing a tax increase for the middle class. House Republicans once said that they supported these tax cuts for the middle class and they are now the only obstacle standing in the way of [tax cuts for 114 million working class families](#) .

“These cuts would mean more money in the pockets of working families to purchase food, medicine, school clothes and pay bills. They would mean that 98% of Americans, and 97% of small businesses, would not see an income tax hike next year. But now, House Republicans are holding these tax cuts hostage unless we make \$80 billion in additional tax cuts for the wealthiest 2% of Americans, [an extra \\$70,000 on top of the \\$20,000 tax cut](#) the Democratic plan would provide.

“There is no justification for House Republicans to threaten the middle class with the possibility of higher taxes when everyone agrees on the cuts passed by the Senate. Congress needs to act now to provide much needed relief for working class families, and then turn its focus to creating jobs and establishing a fair tax code for all Americans.

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