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### **House Rejects Unconditional Debt Limit Increase**

On Monday, Congressman Miller voted against a proposal to lift the nation's debt ceiling by \$2.406 trillion without any spending cuts or reforms attached. For months, the Obama Administration and congressional Democrats have been demanding that Congress quickly approve an increase in the nation's borrowing authority without also enacting measures to ensure that our nation gets its trillion dollar budget deficits and debt under control. The American people have made it clear that the status quo of borrowing and spending money that our country does not have must come to an end. The overwhelming defeat of this unconditional increase in the debt ceiling sends a message to the White House that the government needs to stop borrowing trillions of dollars for future generations to repay, prioritize and cut federal spending, and institute meaningful measures, such as a balanced budget amendment, that will prevent future government overspending.

### **Homeland Security Appropriations Bill for FY 2012 Passed by the House**

On Thursday, the House approved Fiscal Year 2012 funding for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) under an open amendment process. The bill provides \$40.6 billion to fund DHS and its various agencies, including U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Transportation Security Administration, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the Coast Guard, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. In order to address our nation's deficit crisis, the bill strikes a balance in providing adequate funding to keep our nation safe, while eliminating unnecessary or wasteful spending. In fact, the bill represents a \$1.1 billion decrease from the current spending level and \$3 billion below the President's budget request. While reducing overall spending the bill increases levels for CBP and ICE in order to address threats facing the United States along the borders and ports of entry. Congressman Miller was also pleased that a provision of his comprehensive immigration enforcement bill was adopted as an amendment to the funding bill to prevent federal funds from being allocated to U.S. cities that harbor illegal aliens. As the appropriations process moves forward, he will remain committed to providing our nation's defenders with the resources they need to protect the American people from all threats facing our country.

### **House Passes Resolution Demanding Administration Explain U.S. Actions in Libya**

Even though U.S. military operations began in Libya over two months ago, the President has failed to seek congressional authorization for military action. Today, Congressman Miller supported a resolution passed by the House of Representatives expressing concern about the U.S. role in Libya and the Administration's failure to properly consult Congress prior to committing U.S. military might. The resolution requires the President to submit to Congress within fourteen days a detailed report to include, among other things, his justification for not seeking congressional authorization for the use of military force in Libya; the specific U.S. commitments to ongoing NATO activities in that country; the impact on current operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; and the total projected costs of U.S. involvement. The measure also declares that the President shall not deploy, establish, or maintain the presence of U.S. troops on the ground in Libya. While Congressman Miller continues to disapprove of the President's decision to involve the United States in the Libyan conflict, he remains committed to supporting the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our freedom.

### **Veterans Administration – How Can the VA assist you?**

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benefits, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call (800) 827-1000. Congressman Miller strongly supports our veterans who have sacrificed so much for the United States of America. For more information on VA issues or those concerning other federal agencies, contact Congressman Miller's Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

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