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Rep. Gary Miller's Statement on Democrats' Vote to Raise Taxes

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the House Democrats voted 234-188 to raise taxes on small businesses and families earning over \$250,000 beginning January 1, 2011. As a result of these tax hikes, the [Heritage Foundation](#) estimates that the 42nd Congressional District will lose on average 1,642 jobs each year between 2011 and 2020; there will be an annual loss of \$6,834 in personal disposable income; and there will be a total tax increase of \$1.4 billion. Following final passage of this tax hike, Rep. Gary Miller released the following statement:

“In less than a month, every family, small business owner, and investor will see their taxes dramatically increase. While Congress had the opportunity all year to address this looming tax increase, Congressional Democrats instead focused their time and effort on passing special interest legislation such as the so-called stimulus, government-run health care and cap-and-trade legislation. As a result, small businesses continue to face uncertainty which has hampered their economic growth and ability to hire new employees.

“Last month, voters across America went to the polls and loudly voiced their opposition to these misplaced and misguided priorities. Rather than change course, today House Democrats refused to listen to the American people by strategically voting to increase taxes on certain small businesses and families, which will essentially raise taxes on half of all small business income. According to the National Federation of Independent Business, the businesses most likely to face a tax increase by raising the top two rates are businesses employing between 20 and 250 employees. What is more, these same small businesses employ more than 25 percent of the total workforce. Simply put, higher taxes on small businesses mean these employers will have fewer resources to sustain their businesses and hire new workers.

“During these difficult economic times, raising taxes on any American family or small business will not help our economy recover nor foster the private-sector job growth needed to achieve economic recovery. The only thing that Democrats have accomplished by today's vote is yet more uncertainty for our nation's job creators.”

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