

Prove you will fight as hard for tax cuts for workers and middle class people as you do for oil companies and rich folks. Pass this bill. Let's get something done.

The next election is 14 months away. We cannot wait. The American people do not have the luxury of waiting another 14 months for some action. Some of you are living paycheck to paycheck, week to week, day by day. Now is not the time for people in Washington to be worrying about their jobs, it's time for them to be worrying about your jobs. Now is the time to put Americans back to work. Now is the time to act.

We are not a people that just look and watch and wait to see what happens. We're Americans. We make things happen. We're tougher than these times. We are bigger than the smallness of our politics. We are patriots, and we are pioneers and innovators and entrepreneurs,

who, through individual effort and through a common commitment to one another, will build an economy that is once again the engine and the envy of the world. And we will write our own destiny.

It's within our power. But we've got to seize the moment. So let's just shake off all the nay-saying and the anxiety and the hand-wringing. Enough of that. Let's get to work. Let's show the world once again why America is the greatest nation on Earth.

Thank you, everybody. God bless you. God bless America.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:36 a.m. in Robins Center Arena. In his remarks, he referred to Nigel Richardson, student, Richmond Community High School; Anne Holton, wife of former Gov. Timothy M. Kaine of Virginia; and Rep. Eric I. Cantor.

Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Requesting Disaster Relief Funds

September 9, 2011

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed budget request for disaster response needs through Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. It includes a supplemental appropriations request for FY 2011 of \$500 million and a budget amendment for FY 2012 of \$4.6 billion for the Department of Homeland Security.

The proposed totals for FY 2011 and FY 2012 would increase by \$5.1 billion as a result of this request. The additional funding would fund disaster response needs in the Disaster Relief Fund, including approximately \$1.5 billion for the Federal share of costs to respond to Hurricane Irene.

This request responds to urgent and essential needs. The supplemental appropriations request would be designated as an emergency requirement. The request for FY 2012 in the budget amendment would constitute disaster relief within the meaning of section 251 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, and would therefore adjust the discretionary spending levels for FY 2012 pursuant to section 251. The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA

Message to the Congress on Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Certain Terrorist Attacks

September 9, 2011

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides for the auto-

matic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal*