

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Walz released the following statement after Speaker Boehner announced that the House would raise taxes on working Americans without even allowing a vote:

“The American people are rightfully upset with the ‘confrontation over compromise’ attitude in Washington. They want bi-partisan, common sense solutions to everyday problems. They understand that with compromise, nobody gets exactly what they want, but everybody is better off.

Unfortunately, Republican leadership in the House would rather adhere to rigid ideology and allow a \$1,000 tax hike on 160 million Americans than agree to bipartisan compromise. It is irresponsible and it is wrong. The American people deserve more from their leaders. We cannot let partisan ideology, as it so often does in Washington, stand in the way of doing what is right. When the facts do not match your ideology, you do not change the facts, you change your ideology.

I will do everything in my power to prevent Washington’s dysfunction from taking money directly from the pockets of middle class Americans. That is why I voted for compromise last week when I supported the Republican payroll tax cut bill; tax cuts for the middle class are too important to play politics with. I now call on Speaker Boehner to compromise and allow Republicans and Democrats alike to pass tax cuts for working Minnesotans.”

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