Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

January 21, 2009

Dear President Obama:

Congratulations on your inauguration as our nation's 44th president.

With world financial markets in turmoil, middle class families struggling, and our Main Street businesses facing uncertain futures, it has become clear that we as a nation must act to boost our economy, and do it in a way that is smart, direct, efficient and transparent.

During our meeting on January 05, 2009, you reached out to Congressional Republicans to help you craft an economic recovery plan that will help our fellow Americans, boost our economy and create jobs.

In response to your request for input, we created a House Economic Recovery Working Group from a broad cross-section of our House conference and started talking to experts, other elected officials and citizens from across the nation to hear their thoughts on what Congress needs to do to help our economy.

The challenge as we see it is to create a plan that helps middle class taxpayers and small businesses without wasting money or exploding our national deficit. We believe the economic recovery plan should primarily create real, long term jobs, encourage entrepreneurs, and help average Americans keep more of their money to save and invest.

After thoughtful deliberations, we are ready to present our principles to you to continue the dialogue we started at the beginning of this year. At that time you stressed the urgent need for swift action, and in that vein, we are requesting a meeting with our Economic Recovery Working Group and you on Thursday, January 22, 2009.

We are ready to continue our work to confront this economic challenge that is facing our nation and stand ready to work with you to do what is best for America.

Sincerely,

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