

# Congress of the United States

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## Republican R&D Bill Will Trigger Automatic Cuts to Medicare, Student Loans, Job Training

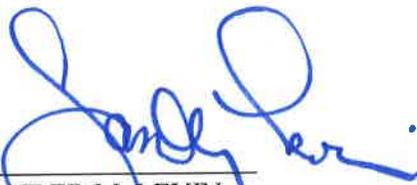
Dear Colleague:

We are writing to urge you to vote “no” on H.R. 4438, an unpaid-for bill that would make the R&D tax credit for businesses permanent without any offsetting tax loophole closers. Since our last letter to you, we now know that Republicans plan to stick seniors, students, and families with the bill for this tax extender.

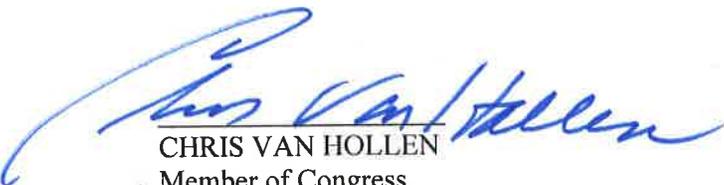
When the rule governing this legislation was passed at the House Rules Committee, Republicans failed to turn off the statutory PAYGO trigger. Statutory PAYGO triggers automatic cuts to a number of programs if Congress fails to offset revenue losses from tax cuts, adding to the deficit. Medicare will bear the largest cut, but student loans, job training for trade-affected workers, help for abused and neglected children, and other important investments will also be cut. Unfortunately, this comes as no surprise. The House Republican agenda has been to cut taxes at the expense of everything and everyone else – working families, education, and seniors. We support extending the R&D tax credit – but we think the cost should be offset by eliminating wasteful, unproductive tax breaks to big oil and special interests, not cutting Medicare, education, and investments in children and our economy.

Tax reform is an important issue facing Congress – but it should not be financed on the backs of American families.

Sincerely,



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