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The Honorable David Dreier
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Dear Mr. Dreier,

Thank you for your letter.

While I do not agree with you that most Americans are in favor of extending tax cuts to wealthy Americans, I nevertheless look forward to a spirited debate on the issue at the Rules Committee.

We were very encouraged over the weekend when the Republican Leader, Mr. Boehner, told CBS' Face the Nation that he would vote for the Administration's middle class tax cut proposal if other options were off the table. Mr. Boehner's statement suggests that it may be possible to find bipartisan common ground – I hope that more of your colleagues in the Republican Conference will join Mr. Boehner in expressing support for these middle class tax cuts.

It's my strong belief that Congress as a whole would function much more efficiently if that same level of collaboration were shown by the minority party that too often views every idea from the majority as an opportunity to vote "no."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise Slaughter".

Louise M. Slaughter
Chairwoman