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Small-Business Tax Cut 499

Small businesses create 2 out of every 3 American jobs. Our economic recovery depends on small businesses doing well, so House Republicans drafted [H.R. 9, the Small Business Tax Cut Act](#), to cut small businesses some slack. The Act, a one-year, up-to-20% tax cut for small businesses intended as a response to President Obama's "Buffett rule," passed the House of Representatives by a bipartisan vote of 253 to 173 on Thursday.

The Small-Business Tax Cut is practical and well-timed. Allowing money to stay in the registers of American small businesses lets them grow their operations, hire new workers, or raise their workers wages. This cut will give a major boost to our sluggish economy, and it will help middle-class families get back on their feet.

White House Veto Threat 499

This Wednesday, the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 4348](#), legislation funding U.S. Transportation projects responsible for millions of American jobs. The Act passed the House by a veto-proof margin of 293 to 127, but still received a veto threat from President Obama. He opposes H.R. 4348 because it contains language that transfers authorization power over the Keystone XL Pipeline from the president to FERC, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Taking a stand against this legislation – just because it puts Keystone in other, more capable hands, is irresponsible. The president is positioning himself against millions of jobs – highway, road, and transportation infrastructure jobs, as well as those that the Keystone XL Pipeline would create."

Rising gas prices are hurting American families' budgets, and they're looking towards Congress for a real solution. Vetoing a privately-funded pipeline that will create tens of thousands of American jobs, and bring secure energy resources into our country is a no-brainer for most people.