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Teague Advances Liberal Agenda While Attempting to Mask Support

Albuquerque, NM—Yesterday, Rep. Harry Teague (CD-2) was shielded from voting directly for legislation that increases the nation’s debt by \$1.9 trillion—approximately \$6,000 per person. Instead, Teague supported PAYGO, a separate portion of the legislation which, once passed, triggers the debt limit increase. By using a strategy similar to the one he employed to advance government-run healthcare, Teague once again proves he is more concerned with trying to salvage his fading political career than he is with restoring the country’s economic health.

“Teague realizes that his days are numbered,” remarked Ryan Cangiolosi, RPNM’s executive director. “Rather than be upfront and honest with his constituents, Teague continues to advance a liberal agenda while hiding behind procedural ploys designed to mask his support. In the end, Nancy Pelosi gets what she needs out of Harry Teague and the Second Congressional District remains unrepresented in the halls of Congress.”

Yesterday, House Democrat leaders used a complex parliamentary procedure to increase the nation’s debt limit from \$12.3 trillion to \$14.294 trillion. By requiring the passage of two interdependent measures, the most vulnerable Democrats were able to vote against raising the debt ceiling while still ensuring its passage by supporting PAYGO. If PAYGO had failed, so too would the debt limit increase, but since Teague and his colleagues delivered on PAYGO, the full legislation including the debt increase will be sent to the president.

“There is no disguising the fact that while many New Mexico families are trying to make ends meet, Harry Teague continues to embrace policies which kill jobs and plunge the nation further into debt,” concluded Cangiolosi.

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