

U.S. Representative Richard Hanna (NY-24) issued the following statement today on the fiscal cliff compromise bill that was voted on late Tuesday night:

"This bill provides tax cuts – permanently – for 99 percent of Americans and virtually all of our constituents in upstate New York. This is a big win for Upstate taxpayers, families, businesses and farms as well as the principles of fiscal responsibility. Moving forward, it is important that Congress pursue comprehensive tax reform to make our policies even more simple, fair and competitive.

"I am pleased that the fiscal cliff has been resolved in a bipartisan manner. This deal was not perfect. There are parts of it with which I don't agree. But the responsibility of governing requires compromise for the benefit of constituents and country and this vote embodied that notion.

"I would have preferred to see much more in the way of long-term spending cuts to reduce our immoral national debt, as well as reforms to strengthen our important entitlement programs. The upcoming debt limit, sequestration debate, as well as long-term tax reform will provide us with that opportunity."