

Why I voted Yes on H.R. 2608, the amended Fiscal Year 2012 Continuing Resolution.

I voted Yes on H.R. 2608, the amended Fiscal Year 2012 Continuing Resolution. The bill would fund the government through November 18, 2011, at a level consistent with the Budget Control Act (a 1.5 percent across-the-board cut from 2011 funding levels). This version of the Continuing Resolution also rescinds \$100 million from the Stimulus account which funded the Solyndra boondoggle, in which U.S. taxpayers footed the bill for subsidizing a now bankrupt company in California.

Importantly, the bill includes billions of dollars for disaster relief, which Upstate New York needs in the wake of recent storms and flooding. I will continue working to make sure our community gets the aid it needs moving forward. Democrats and Republicans must put politics and brinksmanship aside to make sure our households, farmers, and businesses get the aid they need and deserve.

I supported this bill, and am a co-sponsor of other bipartisan disaster relief measures, because we need to get our farms and businesses back on their feet. Time is of the essence.