

I voted Yes for H.R. 6365, the National Security and Job Protection Act.

This legislation represents yet another effort by the House to replace the looming across-the-board sequestration cuts with alternative spending reductions. The bill would repeal the sequestration cuts and replace them with more responsible savings to keep our national security intact and our economy afloat by requiring the President to submit a plan to replace the sequester with alternative spending reductions by October 15, 2012. This bill also provides that the sequester for 2013 would be repealed upon the enactment of the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act, which was passed with my support earlier this year, or similar legislation that offsets the across-the-board cuts.

The President himself has stated that "by design, the sequester is not good policy" and we stand just 111 days away from its enactment. Yet the House stands alone as the only body working to replace sequestration, which was never intended to reach this point. Many defense jobs and important programs in Central New York and the Southern Tier depend on finding a solution, and this bill would require action by the Administration to work with Congress to provide the security that our businesses and the men and women of our armed services deserve.

The bill was approved by a vote of 223-196.