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The Honorable John Boehner  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-107 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Boehner:

I am writing to urge you to reject calls for an omnibus appropriations bill this year and, instead, move a continuing resolution that would be effective through early next year.

There is no question about the need for continued funding of government operations. At the same time, however, it is clear that too many Members are eager to approve legislation containing their earmarked projects along with spending levels that may exceed budget caps. Enthusiasm for such spending, coupled with the very short timeframe available for consideration, can only have disastrous results as we close this Congress.

In the days since the mid-term elections, we Republicans have called for a return to the principles that we ran on in 1994. We shouldn't wait until we are officially in the minority to get started. To push an omnibus with tens of thousand of earmarks and excessive spending levels as the first major legislation since the election would send the message that we do not really believe our own words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Flake".

JEFF FLAKE  
Member of Congress