

## Murphy Calls on House GOP to Pass Payroll Tax Cut, Extend Jobless Benefits

WASHINGTON-Amid reports that Republicans in the House of Representatives plan to block an extension of the payroll tax cut and unemployment benefits, Congressman Chris Murphy released the following statement:

Right now, Republicans who control the House are the only thing standing in the way of passing a middle class tax cut for millions of people in Connecticut-just in time for the holidays. This measure passed the Senate with overwhelming bi-partisan support, but is now threatened by Tea Party Republicans who are once again holding the middle class hostage to their ideological demands.

To me, this vote is simple. While a two-month extension is not ideal, we need to ensure that as families and friends gather for holiday celebrations in homes across the country, they will have the certainty that their taxes won't go up on January 1st.

I challenge any member who would block this tax cut to come to Torrington, or Waterbury, or Meriden, or Danbury, or New Britain and explain why they couldn't put politics aside to pass this bi-partisan tax cut and extend unemployment benefits for job-seekers.

I call on my Republican colleagues to come together and do the right thing.