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## **Roby: Extend Payroll Tax Holiday for Full Year**

*“...it would be inexcusable for Congress not to further extend this middle-class tax cut for the rest of the year.”* (President Barack Obama, [Remarks at the White House](#), December 17, 2011)

*“Democrats and Republicans agree that the payroll tax cut needs to be extended for a full year to provide the kind of relief that Americans need in this struggling economy.”* (Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner, [Press Conference Remarks](#), December 19, 2011)

*“At a time when many working families are still struggling, we can’t afford not to extend and expand this important payroll tax cut.”* (Democrat Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, [Senate Floor Speech](#), November 28, 2011)

**WASHINGTON—Rep. Martha Roby made the following comments today regarding ongoing congressional negotiations to extend the payroll tax holiday:**

“The facts are simple. President Obama, leaders of the Republican House, and leaders of the Democratic Senate have all said they want a one-year extension of the payroll tax holiday. The House voted for an extension on December 13. The bipartisan House bill also included a reform of unemployment benefits, a provision to boost American energy production, and a fix to ensure that senior citizens have continued access to quality medical care. But, rather than approve the House bill, the Senate rushed through a short two-month extension and left town for the Christmas break.

“If we are going to extend the payroll tax holiday, we should extend the holiday for a full year. Business managers need the certainty that tax laws will not change every sixty days. Working families need the confidence that their take-home pay will not fluctuate every two months. Moreover, the tax holiday is going to need more than eight weeks to have even a marginal positive impact on the economy.

“It seems ridiculous to me that Congress cannot even agree to pass a law that most Members actually support. This is the height of dysfunction. The political posturing needs to end. The back and forth rhetoric needs to stop.

“The House seeks the regular order in the form of a Conference Committee, which is the established method for working out legislative differences between the House and the Senate. House Conferees are ready to get started today. The Senate must get back to Washington and appoint Conferees so that the Conference Committee can get to work negotiating a final bill. If the Senate chooses to move forward under the regular order, we can get this done before the end of the year.”