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OBAMA FOR AMERICA, REP. JUDY CHU CALL ON CONGRESS TO PASS BUFFETT RULE

EL MONTE – On Wednesday, April 11, 2012, Obama for America-California partnered with Obama for America National Co-Chair, Rep. Judy Chu, D-El Monte, the Los Angeles County Democratic Party, California Democratic Party Vice Chair and Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chair Eric Bauman, Los Angeles Community College District President Miguel Santiago and other middle-class Californians who have paid their fair share to call on Congress to pass the Buffett Rule and save hardworking middle-class Americans from Gov. Mitt Romney's plan that will make every day Americans foot the bill for the tax breaks of millionaires and Big Oil companies.

“We need Congress to act to make sure every American is getting a fair shot and every rich American is paying their fair share. You know where I stand, and where my fellow Democrats will stand. We believe that the most fortunate among us should be expected to contribute just as much as any other middle class taxpayer,” said Rep. Chu. “But the ball is really in the hands of Republicans. Will they finally put their partisan interests of coddling the rich aside and do what is right for the American people and our rebounding economy? Or will they continue to protect the wallets of the ultra rich in exchange for campaign contributions?”

Over the last decade, our nation has spent hundreds of billions of dollars on what was supposed to be a temporary tax break for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans. Gov. Mitt Romney and other Republicans think millionaires and billionaires should keep paying lower taxes than middle-class families who work hard and live by the paycheck.

But America prospers when everyone does their fair share, plays by the same rules, and has the same shot at success. The President knows that we have to make tough choices, and with the Buffett Rule's vote early next week, we can build an economy that will protect the middle-class and that's built to last.

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