

MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
From: The Communications Office of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
Date: November 7, 2012
Re: Baucus Calls for Bipartisan Action on Fiscal Cliff

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) today called on members of Congress to work together to find bipartisan agreement on the year-end fiscal issues when they return to Washington next week. From Chairman Baucus:

“Yesterday, millions of Americans made their voices heard and chose their vision for America. Now that the election is over, it’s time to stop the brawling and brinkmanship. I encourage everyone — Republicans, Democrats, Independents — to work together to find a solution to the great many challenges we face.

“After spending the past month with the folks I work for out in Montana, I know that when Congress returns next week, they want us to shift gears from working on campaigns to working towards compromise.

“A first step would be for Congress to work together towards a solution to our pressing year-end fiscal issues. We need to put progress ahead of politics and work towards a compromise that provides some certainty to American families and businesses. We need to craft a proposal that supports jobs, expands opportunity and puts America’s economy back on track.

“We cannot return to the divided and divisive ways. The American people want Congress to work together to break the gridlock of the past two years. We have a lot of challenges to overcome. But I’m confident, working together, we can get it done.”