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This week the House and Senate return from their August recess. Unfortunately, that's where the similarities between the two chambers end. It has been almost 900 days since the Senate last passed a budget, violating the 1974 Budget Act that requires an annual budget. In fact, in the run up to the looming October 1st deadline to pass the 12 annual appropriations bills which fund the government, the Senate has acted on only one – the Veterans Affairs and Military Construction bill. Meaning that because of the Senate's inaction, the government is now at risk of shutting down at the end of this month.

Failing to pass a budget is simply unacceptable. American families and seniors don't have the luxury to spend as they please, with no plan or limit. While the House has acted and passed a responsible and forward thinking budget which begins to tackle the budget mess in Washington, we've heard nothing on what the world's greatest deliberative body plans to do about our nation's financial health.

In fact, when the Democrat controlled Senate was presented with the budget plan of their own President every single Senate Democrat voted against President Obama's budget. In addition, every single Senate Democrat voted against the House-passed budget authored by Rep. Paul Ryan. The Senate has yet to support any concrete plan offered by the House, or even the vague plan offered by the President. This all comes while they have failed to even describe what they're for.

The time has come for the Senate to provide a road map for shoring up our nation's finances and to balance our budget. Simply doing nothing is not an acceptable course of action. American's expect better of our representatives in the Senate. Voters will remember who lead and who failed to lead come next November, when a third of the Senate is up for reelection.

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Do you think it's time for the Senate to pass a budget?

- Yes - Its been over 2 years since they have
- No
- Not Sure

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