

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) released the following statement on the need for a clean debt limit bill when it is considered in the House of Representatives.

“Over two centuries, the United States has always been a trustworthy creditor. The vote on the debt ceiling is about maintaining our credit worthiness. This is not the occasion to reshape our economy or score ideological points or to try to do any of the other things Republicans are saying they will do with the necessary vote. Whether one blames the debt on unpaid bills of the Reagan defense buildup, food stamps and other social programs, the Bush tax cuts and two wars not paid for, or any other action of government over the past decade or past century, this is not the place for that argument. Whether you think taxes are too low or spending is too high, this is not the occasion to try to impose one’s own idea of a correction.

I am prepared to act responsibly – by voting for a clean debt ceiling bill. By doing so the United States can continue to fulfill its financial obligations and Congress can finally begin focusing on job creation,” said Holt.

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