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It's been a slow week on Capitol Hill. We still have no budget and House leadership once again put off voting on funds for our troops abroad.

But, with all the inaction in Washington, we did do our very first [Facebook Town Hall](#) meeting. You can watch it on YouTube and leave your feedback on Facebook.



One of my top concerns right now is the fiscal insanity in Washington, DC. Not only is there no budget, the majority is failing to plan for the future and consider how to get the national debt under control. The average family share of the national debt has reached 72,000 (dramatic growth over the last two years). (See [Washington Times](#) story.)! The only solution some see is

to raise our taxes to finance even more spending and borrowing. A wave of tax increases is coming our way unless Congress acts this year. To see how much your taxes may go up next year, you can visit The Tax Foundation's 2011

[tax calculator](#)

. I oppose increasing taxes on the American people. While the government should be able to balance the budget and spend wisely at all times, raising taxes now will compound economic uncertainty for job creators and stunt the growth of our economy.

As always, I appreciate your thoughts on these or any other issues.