

**Washington D.C.** – Congressman Kevin McCarthy gave the following remarks at a House Republican leadership press conference:

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TRANSCRIPT:

What a difference one year makes. A year ago, Washington thought that it just needed more spending—thought that they needed more government. After the election there's been a fundamental change. Now Congress has opened up—transparent. You've watched that ideas come to the floor and the ideas have to be debated. You watched the leadership from this House not only pass out two bills, but we'll take the lead in moving this bill out first as well. This bill does not give all the answers. This bill does bring accountability. This bill does put in spending controls. This bill does cut spending, does not increase it. You start at the beginning of this debate, I think it was the second day when we were sworn in, when Geithner first sent the letter. They wanted just to increase it \$2.4 trillion, with no cuts and nothing else. We are at a crossroads—this is a fundamental change for this government, this is a fundamental change for this country, but it's only a start. After we pass this we will come back the next day to continue to work to create the jobs through the small business that we know to move this country in the right direction.