

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rep. Miller should experience the hardships he voted for

I find it appalling that U.S. Rep. Max Miller voted for HR 2811, the debt ceiling/spending cuts bill, rather than voting his conscience to help the middle class, the poor and veterans.

Instead, Miller voted in this bill to cut all humanitarian support by 22% for the next 10 years, while enabling the very rich to curtail their obligation to pay fair taxes so they can become even richer.

Therefore, I challenge Miller to eat only rice and beans for at least one week, since he voted to cut the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program affecting 1.7 million women, infants and children, who will be eating such meals over the next 10 years.

I challenge Miller to sleep at least one night in a homeless shelter in the winter, since he voted to slash funding to Housing Choice Vouchers, affecting over 630,000 households that will face homelessness, including 250,000 households headed by seniors and veterans, over the next 10 years.

I challenge Miller to abstain at least once from seeking medical help if needed, since he voted for deep cuts in veterans' outpatient care, mental health and substance-abuse treatments, resulting in 30 million fewer covered visits.

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