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WASHINGTON – Following tonight's vote on raising the debt ceiling, Congressman Ryan released the following statement.

"This stunt by House Republicans on the debt ceiling was pure political theater. Instead of allowing us to have an up or down majority wins vote on the debt ceiling, House Republicans gamed the process to require a super-majority. They set this vote up to fail. The American people know that we should not play around with the full faith and credit of the United States.

The same people now holding the government hostage over the debt ceiling and deficit had no problem writing President George W. Bush a blank check for his tax cuts and wars. They grew the deficit by over $7 trillion through the next decade, and now they don't want to pay for it.

Until House Republicans get serious about approaching the debt ceiling, they'll prevent us from getting anything accomplished. While I know we must raise the debt ceiling, I voted "No" tonight because I won't play games with our economic security."

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