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Members of the House Republican Conference  
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To the Members of the House Republican Conference,

In December of 2009 the leader of the conservative opposition in the Australian Parliament, Malcolm Turnbull lost his leadership position to Tony Abbott by one vote. Turnbull had agreed to go along with the leftist majority in Parliament and fund a carbon tax scheme in Australia that was about as popular as Obamacare is in the United States.

Abbott was widely criticized for being a crazy and a Neanderthal. He is now Prime Minister after a landslide election. He did not make the mistake of believing that the talking heads of the media's opinion givers had anything to do with the views of the public. As in the United States the media pundits both left and right often live in an alternative universe. The Labor party in Australia believed the media and hoped that Abbott would be the candidate since according to the media he would so easy to beat.

Former President Carter made a similar mistake in regards to Ronald Reagan.

On Obamacare funding, the media opinion is unanimous that in a test of wills the President will win. After recent events in the foreign policy arena that conclusion is laughable. Who with a straight face could believe that Obama will shut down his beloved bureaucracy for a prolonged period in order to save a program that is despised by the voters?

As in all government shut downs (i.e. weekends) essential government employees are kept on the job while the non-essential are furloughed. When Obama realizes that this means his Environmental Protection Agency will be slowed down in its attempts to shut down power plants, the Department of Justice will be hampered in filing frivolous lawsuits, the Internal Revenue war on anyone who disagrees with him will be hampered, and various other of his efforts to transform America will be hindered, he will no doubt rush to the bargaining table.

I would urge the caucus to put policy before politics and fund the government with the exception of Obamacare. Good policy is good politics as the recent Australian election demonstrates.

Sincerely,

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