WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Joe Courtney today released the following statement after voting for bipartisan legislation to avoid the fiscal cliff and sequestration. The House passed the legislation by a vote of 257-167.

"Tonight, I voted for a bipartisan, but certainly not perfect, compromise that accomplishes my highest priority: preventing the country from falling off the fiscal cliff--a fate the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office and economists of every stripe confirmed would have stifled growth and risked recession. Additionally, the bill permanently protects middle-class families from an income tax increase, expands the Child Tax Credit and continues marriage penalty relief.

"Having spent months calling for a big, balanced approach to prevent sequestration, I am pleased that across-the-board cuts have been postponed for the time being, but it is only a temporary reprieve. Now it is time for people of good faith to come together, show Congress can work, and restore the American people's faith in their government."

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