

## CONGRESSWOMAN LOWEY IS RESPONSIBLY REDUCING THE DEFICIT

As we invest in critical initiatives to create jobs and help America win the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Congresswoman Lowey is working with her colleagues to responsibly reduce the deficit in the long-term.

- Lowey voted for the 2012 spending bill, which cut discretionary spending by more than \$37 billion, the largest ever annual reduction. Although she did not endorse every cut, she believes the bill adequately invests in many critical priorities while making the government more efficient and less wasteful.
- To ensure the government could continue to meet its obligations, Lowey voted for the Budget Control Act, which prevented a government default, cut discretionary spending by \$917 billion over ten years, and created a mechanism to save an additional \$1.2 trillion.

Specific measures Lowey has supported include:

- ✓ Just as families and businesses have had to cut back during difficult economic times, Lowey voted to cut the budget of the House of Representatives by \$110 million in the last two years;
- ✓ Ending a \$450 million boondoggle for an unnecessary alternate engine for the Joint Strike Fighter;
- ✓ Voting to block \$369 million for new F-22 aircraft the Pentagon didn't want but some in Congress tried to build;
- ✓ Eliminating \$162 million for the Knik Arm and Gravina Island Bridges in Alaska, also known as the "bridge to nowhere;"
- ✓ Trimming federal assistance for Washington, D.C.'s school voucher program by \$150 million;
- ✓ Cutting red tape by eliminating unnecessary boards and commissions that cost taxpayers \$19 million; and
- ✓ Suspending ineffective abstinence-only education that cost taxpayers \$707 million over ten years.

To govern is to make tough choices, and Lowey is working with her colleagues in a responsible and bipartisan way to protect vital services and investments that grow our economy while reducing the deficit.

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