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TRANSCRIPT – John Boehner’s Speech to 2009 Senate House GOP Fundraising Dinner

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Thank you, Jon, for the introduction. I appreciate you being here and doing all that you do to promote our party and our values. Welcome fellow GM shareholders.

I'd like to thank Paul Ryan, our dinner chairman, for helping to pull this event together and for the pivotal role he is playing on our House Republican team.

I'd also like to thank Pete Sessions for the outstanding work he is doing to build a stronger, more aggressive NRCC. His team is raising money, recruiting great candidates, and really going after vulnerable Democrats around the country. They're doing great work.

And thank you, Newt, for being here tonight as well. Newt is a true agent of reform – an 'ideas guy' – who knows how to solve problems and knows how to win a fight. And I look forward to hearing what he has to say tonight.

Everyone in this room tonight is a prime target for President Obama and Speaker Pelosi. And it's not because you're a Republican. It's because you work hard and play by the rules.

Responsible, hard-working families are taking it on the chin under this regime. They're bailing out people who lied on their mortgage applications. They're paying higher credit card rates to pay for people who used their cards irresponsibly. They're paying billions for a government takeover of GM. They're paying for thousands of wasteful earmarks, funding an 'Airport for No One,' and sending "stimulus" checks to dead people. The new national energy tax – 'cap and trade' – will raise costs for every family that drives to work or dares to flip on a light switch.

Vice President Biden says some people are getting 'scammed' by the stimulus. I'll tell you who is getting scammed: every hard-working taxpayer that is footing the bill for this nonsense. Take a look at this: it is the world's most dangerous credit card. It is a Congressional voting card, and it is what Democrats are using to bury the middle class and our children under a mountain of debt. We need to take this card away from them.

We need to elect a new Republican Majority to curb spending and cut taxes; Implement an 'All of the Above' energy plan; Make high-quality health care affordable, portable, and simple; End the bailouts once and for all; And start forcing Washington to respect the Constitution again. And over the next 17 months I'm going to need your help to make sure Nancy Pelosi doesn't spend one day more in the Speaker's chair.

Your presence here tonight is fueling our fight for a new, principled Republican Majority, and I can't thank you enough – or tell you how proud I am to be on this journey with you.

Thank you again and enjoy your dinner.

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