

Congressman Jeff Flake

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Congressman Flake Reacts to Failure of Bailout

House Republicans Have Plan to Bring Stability to Market

Washington, D.C. – Republican Congressman Jeff Flake, who represents Arizona’s Sixth District, today released the following statement regarding the House of Representative’s vote against the bailout legislation:

“Given the House’s failure to pass this bailout, Congress needs to come back and pass legislation that will stabilize the markets by increasing liquidity and making meaningful reforms in the financial services sector,” said Flake. **“House Republicans have a proposal to do that.”**

“The House Republican proposal includes privately funded mortgage insurance with risk-based premiums to provide relief to the financial services sector without making taxpayers liable. To create liquidity in the market, the House Republican plan includes a voluntary suspension on dividend payments and a repatriation window for profits earned by U.S. companies overseas. The House Republican proposal also includes meaningful reforms of the financial services sector, like limits on federal backing for high-risk loans and credit rating agency reform.”

“House Republicans have an alternative proposal; Congress needs to come back and act on it immediately.”

Congressman Flake voted against the bailout today because it would have exposed taxpayers to hundreds of billions of dollars of liability.

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