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Government Affairs Experts

Dear Friend,

Happy Holidays!

It's the season in Washington, but it's also a season of uncertainty, a time when questions outnumber answers. As one lawmaker noted about the current climate on Capitol Hill: "You need to be comfortable with uncertainty." The failure of the Super Committee and the resulting sequestration have left us facing a series of daunting questions. Will the F-35 be discontinued? Will the traditional tax "extenders" be extended? Will the "doc fix" be fixed? The door is open for suggestions from all corners on how these challenges will be met. For its part, the House leadership has remained tight-lipped about what they will and will not do during the next two weeks.

The pressure is on and as one Republican lawmaker noted, "We can smell the jet fuel. Everyone wants to hurry up, finish up and go HOME". Our wish is that some of these questions will be answered first.

All the best for a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

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## Grinch Won't Steal Payroll Tax Cut This Xmas

By Carl Chancellor

Despite the Senate's failure to pass an extension of a payroll tax cut, look for Congress to stick a big bow on some sort of compromise tax break measure and deliver it to taxpayers during the holidays.





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Last Thursday, [lawmakers in the upper house rejected two competing proposals to extend the Social Security payroll tax cut](#), which reduced the payroll tax rate from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent. The tax cut, which went into effect this year and is set to expire Dec. 31, gave a worker earning \$50,000 a year a \$1,000 tax break.

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## GOP Game of Presidential Musical Chairs Continues

By Carl Chancellor



The recent announcement by businessman [Herman Cain that he was suspending his campaign](#) is once again completely reshuffling the deck of GOP presidential hopefuls.

Cain, the one-time front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination who struck a chord with his straight-forward style and "9-9-9" tax plan, suspended his campaign in the wake of allegations of a 13-year extramarital affair with an Atlanta woman. That allegation only added to his troubles stemming from earlier charges of sexual harassment.

[\[Click here to read more about the GOP presidential hopefuls\]](#)

## A Worthy Clean Energy Investment

By Scott Orr

It's hard not to love the [1603 program](#), it seems to have everything.



The clean energy tax credit program creates jobs, it advances technology, it's good for the environment and it lessens our dependence on foreign energy sources. By any measure, the program is as green as can be. The question now is will the federal government come up with

the green it will take to keep it going.

[\[Click here to read more on the clean energy tax credit program\]](#)

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