

Some solutions must be stopped

I must agree with [Cato Institute](#) senior fellow Michael Tanner and his opposing view in the government inaction debate ("More gridlock, please").

With the prospect of a bill implementing the proposals put forth by Alan Simpson and [Erskine Bowles](#) on deficit reduction, we will need much gridlock. This bill could be as bad as the health care law, maybe worse, if that's possible. This proposal would destroy many people's personal finances.

As a retiree, I carefully planned my retirement finances for years. The current tax code is not good, but at least I know how much I need to pay.

Under the new plan, I may pay more, I may pay less — I won't know until it's too late. The mortgage interest deduction change alone will destroy any rebound in the housing market.

As far as Social Security, I just want the money back I paid for 35 years. If the Social Security trust fund hadn't been stolen for other uses, we wouldn't be talking about cuts in benefits.

Major changes shouldn't be made during a recession. When the economy rebounds, many of our financial problems will go away.

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