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## Suburban Democratic congressional candidates up against it

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Here is some bad news for those candidates, including Dan Seals, the Democratic candidate to replace Mark Kirk in the north suburbs 10th congressional district:

Heading into the final two months of the mid-term election campaign, most voters believe that Democrats in Congress want to raise taxes and spending while Republicans in Congress want to cut taxes and spending.

[This is according to a Rasmussen report](#), which also finds that "At the same time, most voters believe that reducing taxes and spending would be good for the economy."

Seals' opponent, Republican newcomer [Robert Dold](#), has made this issue the focus of his campaign. Stop the spending, cut the deficit.

[Seals' campaign web site](#) gives lip service to the issue stating:

Once our nation's economy is back on track, we should take measures to reduce the debt. We are going to have to bring our expenditures in line with our revenues. And we're going to have to shift resources from our less important priorities to our more important priorities. President Obama should publicly lay out his plans and goals for this now, so that there can be no doubt of his intentions.

Also:

The CATO Institute estimates corporate welfare programs and federal subsidies to top \$90 billion annually, including over \$30 billion for crop subsidies. Dan thinks this is one place to look for spending reductions, among others.

Dan Seals quoting the libertarian think tank, the Cato Institute? In Illinois, going after Illinois crop subsidies? It would be nice to believe all this, but note that he says the nation's economy is back on track--not immediately.

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