

**Billionaires or Babies? :30**

<b>Script</b>	<b>Background</b>
Congress will soon vote on whether to pay America's debts. Some in the House won't support it... unless sharp cuts are made in the social safety net.	House Speaker John Boehner said on Wednesday July 13 <sup>th</sup> , that there are at least 60 members of the House who will not vote for a debt ceiling increase without large spending cuts. ( <a href="http://www.businessinsider.com/republicans-quick-to-criticize-mcconnell-contingency-2011-7">http://www.businessinsider.com/republicans-quick-to-criticize-mcconnell-contingency-2011-7</a> )
If they get their way, babies will lose pre-natal care, and Head Start programs will be cut.	<p>The budget voted by the House in April would reduce spending on pre-school programs, such as Head Start, by bringing appropriations levels back to 2008 and holding that steady for five years ("Path to Prosperity", page 29). Head Start will receive a \$7.575 billion in appropriations in fiscal year 2011. If rolled back to 2008 funding levels, the program would receive a \$700 million cut before accounting for inflation (Department of Health and Human Services, Head Start Bureau). Facilities would either close or lower enrollment as a result.</p> <p>The House proposed cutting the Women Infants and Children program by 10% early in 2011. Even though the cuts were not adopted in for the 2011 budget, they have included cuts to the program in appropriation bills for 2012.</p>
But there won't be any cuts for billionaires taxpayer-subsidized jets.	Recent budget negotiations have broken down over disputes over ending some of the tax breaks passed in 2001 and 2003 for the wealthiest Americans. Currently, companies get tax advantages for the use of corporate jets. This is one of the proposed tax changes made by members of the debt ceiling negotiations. ( <a href="http://www.businessinsider.com/republicans-quick-to-criticize-mcconnell-contingency-2011-7">http://www.businessinsider.com/republicans-quick-to-criticize-mcconnell-contingency-2011-7</a> )
Call Congressman (King/Latham) (Bass/Guinta). Tell him to fight for Iowa's babies, not Wall Street billionaires.	