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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Brad Miller (NC-13) issued the following statement after tonight's vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on the debt limit proposal:

"It's hard to believe that just a decade ago Congress was debating what to do about the surplus. I opposed the irresponsible tax cuts of the last decade that created the deficit. Congress cut the taxes on the richest Americans by more than a third, and now working and middle-class families will suffer as a result."

"Still, for many members, and I'm one of them, this was a close call. We could not let the nation default, but I certainly don't want to vote for cuts without even knowing where the cuts will come from, and at a time when the cuts might well push our fragile economy back into recession."

"I also hated to see tactics rewarded that were an embarrassment to our democracy."

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