**Washington, D.C.** - Over the last 24 hours, we have seen missed opportunity after missed opportunity in the House of Representatives. First, the House Republicans flat-out rejected any semblance of real ethics reform to rein in the abuses of power in Congress. They refused to even consider dozens of proposals from both Democrats and Republicans that would have strengthened the provisions of the lobbying reform bill and stopped the abusive practices that have become all too common within the ruling party. And today, the House leadership failed at even passing the hollow and ineffectual lobbying reform that they had proposed. The term "do-nothing Congress" is becoming more appropriate by the day.

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