

2013: Voted to Increase Debt Ceiling

In October 2013, just days before the U.S. government could have defaulted on its obligations, Luján voted for a bipartisan compromise that would re-open the federal government and avert a catastrophic debt default. According to the New York Times, “Under the agreement, the government would be funded through Jan. 15, and the debt ceiling would be raised until Feb. 7. The Senate will take up a separate motion to instruct House and Senate negotiators to reach accord by Dec. 13 on a long-term blueprint for tax and spending policies over the next decade.” [New York Times, [10/16/13](#)]

The bill passed 285-144. [HR 2775, [Vote #550](#), 10/16/13]

2013: Voted Against Suspending the Debt Limit

In January 2013, Luján voted against a suspension of the debt limit through May 18, 2013, and then automatically to increase the debt limit to accommodate the additional debt accumulated through that date.

The bill also directed both chambers of Congress to adopt a budget resolution for FY 2014 by April 15, 2013. If either body failed to pass a budget, members of that body would have their paychecks put into an escrow account starting on April 16, until that body adopted a budget. [CQ Votes, 1/23/13]

The government added \$306 billion in new debt during the four-month suspension of the debt limit, making the limit \$16.7 trillion. [Reuters, [5/20/13](#)]

The bill passed, 285-44. [HR 325, [Vote # 30](#), 1/23/13]

2011: Voted to Increase Debt Limit

In 2011, Luján voted for a bill that would increase the statutory debt limit by \$2.406 trillion to \$16.7 trillion in a bill aimed at increasing the statutory limit on the public debt. The voted failed under suspended rules, 97-318. [HR 1954, [Vote #379](#), 5/31/11; CQ Floor Votes, 5/31/11]

2010: Voted to Increase the Debt Limit by \$1.9 Trillion

In February 2010, Luján voted in favor of increasing the debt ceiling by \$1.9 trillion to \$14.294 trillion in the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act. Eventually this bill became Public Law 111-139. [HJ Res 45, [Vote #48](#), 2/04/10; CRS Report, [4/05/11](#)]

2009: Voted to Increase the Debt Limit by \$290 Billion

In December 2009, Luján voted in favor of increasing the debt ceiling by \$290 billion to \$12.394 trillion in a bill aimed to permit continued financing of Government operations.

This bill eventually became Public Law 111-123. [HR 4314, Vote #988, 12/16/09; CRS Report, 4/05/11]

2009: Voted to Increase the Debt Limit by \$789 Billion

In February 2009, Luján voted to adopt the conference report of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which increased the debt ceiling by \$789 billion to \$12.104 trillion. This bill eventually became Public Law 111-5. [HR 1, Vote #70, 2/13/09; CRS Report, 4/05/11]