# EXERCİSES

As Congress returns from recess on Monday facing a Dec. 11 deadline for funding the government, Mr. Boehner and ……. fellow Republican leaders are working to persuade the rank and file — furious over [President Obama](http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/o/barack_obama/index.html?inline=nyt-per" \o "More articles about Barack Obama)’s executive action on immigration — that engaging in a spending confrontation is the wrong way to counter the White House. ……. would set the wrong tone, ……. argue, as Republicans prepare to take over Congress and fulfill promises to govern responsibly.

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……. made …….views clear on Nov. 13, when House Republicans gathered in the Capitol for …….. first meeting since their emphatic sweep on Election Day. Representative Vicky Hartzler of Missouri posed the question on everyone’s mind: How was the leader of the enlarged and emboldened House majority going to respond if Mr. Obama unilaterally eased the threat of deportation for millions of illegal immigrants?

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Mr. Boehner, according to ……. present, promised to fight the president “tooth and nail.” But…….. warned that the party members needed to coalesce around a strategy that gives ……. a stronger chance of success in combating Mr. Obama. Only Republicans, …… said, would be blamed for a shutdown, just as ……. were last year.

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