

# McClintock, Obama on same page with earmarks

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WASHINGTON – Since joining Congress two years ago, Republican Rep. Tom McClintock has taken heat from Placer County officials for resisting earmarks, money that's used to pay for pet projects back home.

"There are a number of local officials who became addicted to earmarks," said McClintock, of Elk Grove, who represents California's 4th Congressional District.

"But if local officials of the community aren't willing to use local dollars for a local project, why should the taxpayers of some other community cough up the money?"

As he prepares to join the House majority when the new Congress convenes in January, McClintock now has an unlikely ally: President Barack Obama.

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