

AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY®

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Dear Representatives,

On behalf of the more than 1.9 million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I strongly urge you to support both Chairman Ryan's budget resolution and the Republican Study Committee (RSC) alternative amendment. Unlike our tax-and-spend President and do-nothing Senate, these two important proposals work to get Washington's spending problem under control, reject tax increases, and put our country on a path to fiscal sanity. We need bold action like this at a time when the federal government continues to spend at unsustainable levels.

I urge you to vote YES on H.Con.Res. 112 (Chairman Ryan's Budget Resolution) and Garrett amendment number 9 (the RSC budget alternative). Americans for Prosperity will rate these votes in our congressional ratings.

Chairman Ryan's blueprint offers a future of lower spending, lower taxes, and lower deficits when compared to the President's proposal. It cuts spending by a moderate amount in FY2013, with discretionary spending, for example, falling from \$1,043 billion to \$1,028 billion. It saves a Medicare program that is rapidly going bankrupt by employing market-based reforms and preserving seniors' choices. It block grants funding for federal assistance programs like Medicaid and food stamps, giving states more flexibility to find better ways to serve their neediest citizens. It also smartly calls for the House to refocus the sequestration cuts from the Budget Control Act across the federal budget, instead of targeting a few select areas. Although, AFP would have preferred to see all of the replacement cuts happen in the first year.

The RSC budget alternative adopts and improves on Chairman Ryan's framework. It cuts discretionary spending even further (to \$931 billion in FY2013, a \$112 billion cut) and freezes it at that level until the federal budget balances in the year 2017. It also corrects a major oversight from Chairman Ryan's proposal by including death tax repeal in its tax reform package. We are disappointed to see, however, that the RSC chose to address Social Security's fiscal problems by raising the retirement age. This is simply a benefit cut in a program that already provides a bad deal for workers. Optional personal savings accounts provide a better path forward for America's signature retirement security program.

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Sincerely,



James Valvo
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Americans for Prosperity

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