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**Kill the Death Tax. Protect Social Security. Energy Security.**

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Dear Chairman Jordan:

On June 15, 2011, the House Judiciary Committee approved H. J. Res 1: A Balanced Budget Amendment introduced by Congressman Robert Goodlatte (R-VA), and amended by you and Representative Louie Gohmert (R-TX) to cap federal spending at 18% of GDP and to require 2/3 support in Congress for tax increases.

On behalf of over seven and a half million senior citizen activists, the 60 Plus Association echoes your resolve to set in motion steps to cut the deficit, establish statutory spending caps, and adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for a national balanced budget. We commend you, Chairman Jordan, and the members of the Republican Study Committee, for your commitment to America and her seniors, and for focusing on the need to make reforms that will return our country to fiscal health by designing the Cut, Cap and Balance approach.

As Chairman of 60 Plus, I spent months on the road last year, journeying across the nation to meet with taxpayers, families, small business owners and various civic and policy organizations. As we visited almost every state we held town halls and rallies, listening to the concerns of seniors and soon-to-be seniors. Here's what they told us:

- Americans are deeply concerned about the massive consequences of this rampant government spending spree.
- They are worried that the deficit has grown to be the largest since World War II, and fear this federal debt harms their children and compromises their grandchildren's future.
- They want significant cuts in the national debt.
- And, they want to see Congress balance the nation's budget. They have overwhelmingly told me that current budget policy cripples our economic stability and that the biggest threat to national security lies in our debt.

They and their families have had to tighten their belts, and they want the government to do the same. They have said is not sound financial policy to open up a new credit card when the current one is maxed out. Seniors, and indeed most Americans, don't want to see a budget balanced by increasing taxes or by taking out more loans. They want significant cuts, and they want them now.

They want Congress to take the courageous and difficult step to restore the fiscal stability of the United States by balancing the nation's budget. We need to cut the deficit. We need to cap federal spending. We need a Balanced Budget Amendment with strong protections against tax increases. We need to get the process rolling now. And we can't afford to wait.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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*The 60 Plus Association is a 19-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a less government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million activists. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group" and since 1992 "the conservative alternative to the AARP."*