



Thomas A. Schatz
President

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support the Republican Study Committee's (RSC) Spending Reduction Act of 2011. This bill, sponsored by RSC Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), would reduce federal spending by \$2.5 trillion over ten years.

At a time when the national debt has ballooned to more than \$14 trillion, members of Congress should be looking for every viable way to slash wasteful programs and curtail superfluous spending. The Spending Reduction Act would hold FY 2011 non-security discretionary spending to FY 2008 levels and hold non-defense discretionary spending to FY 2006 levels.

The bill also contains more than 100 program eliminations and savings proposals, including eliminating all remaining "stimulus" funding, relinquishing federal control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, getting rid of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Amtrak subsidies, abolishing the Save America's Treasures Program, cutting the federal travel budget in half, repealing the Davis-Bacon Act, requiring collection of unpaid taxes by federal employees, prohibiting taxpayer-funded union activities by federal employees, and eliminating the Market Access Program and funding for ObamaCare administrative costs.

Many of the spending reductions included in the legislation were drawn from the RSC Sunset Caucus, YouCut program and past RSC budgets. The Spending Reduction Act also includes many of the recommendations made in CAGW's *2010 Prime Cuts*, a proprietary database comprised of 763 recommendations that would save taxpayers \$350 billion in the first year and \$2.2 trillion over five years. While the RSC Spending Reduction Act is an important start to curtailing Washington's spending addiction, we hope lawmakers will continue to use *Prime Cuts* as a blueprint to put the nation on a path toward fiscal sanity.

I strongly urge you to support the RSC's commonsense spending reduction bill. It's time to show taxpayers that lawmakers are serious about taking all necessary steps to reduce the ever-growing national debt. All votes on the Spending Reduction Act of 2011 will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2011 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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