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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) FY 2013 budget proposal. The RSC's plan is based on the principles of "Cut, Cap, and Balance," and would reduce the size and scope of government, reform Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security to ensure long-term sustainability, and balance the federal budget by 2017.

President Obama's budget calls for more spending and would increase the deficit by \$6.4 trillion over 10 years, while Senate Democrats have not passed a budget for more than 1,000 days. As a result, federal spending has continued to balloon unchecked and taxpayers now hold the bill for a staggering \$15.5 trillion national debt. There has never been a more crucial time in the nation's history to pass a fiscally responsible, deficit-reducing budget.

The RSC's budget would set discretionary spending at \$931 billion beginning in 2013; repeal ObamaCare to eliminate \$636 billion in additional spending over 10 years; and reduce non-defense discretionary spending from \$377 billion in 2013 to \$329 billion in 2022. Additionally, the RSC budget terminates wasteful and duplicative federal programs, prohibits earmarks, prevents any new tax increases, and reforms the tax code in line with the RSC's Jobs Through Growth Act (H.R. 3400) in an effort to stimulate the economy and encourage job growth.

The RSC's proposal also tackles the nation's growing entitlement liabilities by proposing fiscally-sound reforms to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. The budget would slowly phase-in an increase in the Medicare and Social Security eligibility ages for those born in 1958 or after; provide more healthcare choices for seniors and ultimately transition to a solvent premium-support system that resembles the health insurance plans enjoyed by members of Congress; and block-grant Medicaid, allowing states to have more autonomy over their healthcare priorities.

I strongly urge you to support the RSC's FY 2013 budget proposal and work toward securing its passage. The RSC Budget is the only House proposal that balances within the Congressional Budget Office's 10-year window, prohibits tax increases, cuts spending, and reforms government in a fiscally responsible manner. The era of reckless spending and rapidly rising debts must come to an end now. All votes on the RSC Budget will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2012 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

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