



Thomas A. Schatz  
President

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

Dear Representative,

Tomorrow you are scheduled to vote on the fiscal year 2010 budget resolution, H. Con. Res. 85. This proposal spends too much, taxes too much, and borrows too much. Spending this year will reach \$4 trillion. H. Con. Res. 85 doubles the debt in five years and triples it in 10 years. By 2019, the nation's debt will be \$17.3 trillion, approximately 82 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP.) On behalf of the more than 1.2 million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I ask that you oppose H. Con. Res. 85.

Instead, CCAGW urges you to support the Ryan substitute and the Republican Study Committee proposal, both of which will decrease the size of government, not raise taxes, reduce government spending, and reduce the debt instead of allowing it to skyrocket and burden future generations with stifling fiscal obligations.

H. Con. Res. 85 fundamentally changes the nation. It will transfer America from a vibrant, capitalist nation that rewards innovation and entrepreneurship, to a statist-controlled, European-style social welfare state of high taxes and permanent high un-employment. It is a world where bureaucrats and politicians will control the kind of healthcare individuals receive and how much energy they use. Conversely, the Republican budgets protect what makes America unique.

The Ryan substitute preserves the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, freezes discretionary spending except for national defense and veteran' healthcare, and to encourage business growth and create jobs, reduces the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 25 percent.

The Ryan substitute also opens up exploration and development of domestic energy sources for oil and natural gas, encourages nuclear energy, and rejects the President's cap-and-trade scheme that if implemented, could cost American households more than \$3,000 per year in higher energy costs.

Finally, the Ryan substitute addresses the nation's entitlements by making them fiscally sound and will help improve healthcare delivery by putting decision-making control with patients and doctors, not government bureaucrats.

I ask that you reject H. Con. Res. 85 and vote for the Republican substitutes. All votes on H. Con. Res. 85 will be among those considered for CCAGW's 2009 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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