



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 H. Con. Res. 281, the Republican Study Committee's (RSC) FY 2011 budget proposal. The RSC's plan would not only balance the nation's budget, it would achieve surpluses in 2019 and 2020 and improve the budget outlook each year.

Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) recently announced that House Democrats will not pass, let alone propose, a budget blueprint in 2010. The House has never failed to pass an annual budget resolution since the current budget rules were put into place in 1974.

The national debt has surpassed \$13 trillion yet lawmakers forge head on their tax-borrow-and-spend rampage. Needless to say, there has never been a more crucial time in the nation's history to pass a fiscally responsible, deficit-reducing budget.

H. Con. Res. 281 would return the government to FY 2008 spending levels, provide \$1.7 trillion in tax relief over the next five years, and require each congressional committee to find savings equivalent to one percent of total mandatory spending under its jurisdiction from activities that are determined to be wasteful, unnecessary or low-priority. The budget would terminate the Troubled Asset Relief Program, saving taxpayers \$36 billion, and repeal the \$1 trillion government-run healthcare plan.

The RSC's proposal also adopts some successful ideas from the 1995 Contract with America, including providing spending increases in Medicare that are equivalent to economic growth and increases in Medicaid that are equivalent to inflation. Limiting the increase in spending to economic growth and inflation rates will not only help control costs, but will also encourage a more efficient allocation of resources and the curtailment of waste, fraud and abuse.

I strongly urge you to support the RSC's FY 2011 budget proposal and to work toward securing its passage. There has never been a more critical time for Congress to pass a balanced budget. All votes on H. Con. Res. 281 will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2010 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

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