



September 23, 2010

The Honorable Tom Price
424 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Price,

For too long, America has been digging itself into a financial hole that threatens our long-term prosperity. In this year alone, the federal government added an estimated \$1.3 trillion to our national debt. We cannot let this happen again. Yet even as the new fiscal year is set to start in just a few days, Congress has failed to pass any of the appropriation bills that will govern how much is spent during this next year.

As we're sure you know, women are disproportionately in charge of individual family finances. Women know that when you have dug yourself into debt, the most important step you can take is to *stop digging*.

That's why on behalf of the Independent Women's Voice, we write to thank you for your leadership in offering a plan that would reduce government spending from current levels, and thereby put us on a path toward greater fiscal responsibility. Your initiative (H.J.Res. 96) to enact a continuing resolution so that all discretionary spending, other than defense and veterans spending, is returned to the levels of 2008 is an important step in demonstrating that this Congress recognizes that this overspending cannot continue and that responsible reductions in the government's budget must be made.

In addition, we applaud your decision to defund the new health care law, which represents an unprecedented and inappropriate increase in federal power and an assault on the fundamental notion of individual freedom and self-determination. We also appreciate your continued commitment to zeroing out earmarks, which so often are used as political giveaways and waste taxpayer resources.

Recently, IWV conducted a poll of political independents, which suggests that your principled course is also politically wise: eighty-eight percent of independents polled (who voted for President Obama by a 52 to 44 margin) are concerned about increased government spending, compared to just 11 percent who are not concerned. Two-thirds of these independents believe that cutting spending—not another round of government stimulus—is the best way to improve the economy.

IWV is dedicated to continuing to educate the public about the benefits of more limited government, lower spending, and more personal freedom. We thank you again for your commitment to these shared values.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Lukas".

Carolyn L. Lukas
Vice President for Policy & Economics

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather R. Higgins".

Heather R. Higgins
President & CEO