



\$2.4 Trillion Demands a Real Solution

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The President's request for a \$2.4 trillion debt limit increase would signify a major loss to America's future prosperity and can only be justified if accompanied by significant structural reforms. What could Americans do with \$2.4 trillion?

- ❖ Build [58,536](#) new Empire State Buildings (\$41 million).
- ❖ Build [27,907](#) new Pentagons (\$86 million).
- ❖ Produce [6,857](#) sequels to *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2* (\$350 million), and make opening weekend profits of \$864 billion.
- ❖ Build [1,600](#) new Yankee Stadiums (\$1.5 billion), or 1,000,000 replicas of the original Yankee Stadium (\$2.4 million).
- ❖ Redevelop the atomic bomb [1,200](#) times (\$2 billion).
- ❖ Rebuild the Interstate Highway System [21](#) times (\$114 billion).
- ❖ Deploy [16](#) additional International Space Stations (\$150 billion).
- ❖ Buy 93.8 million pounds of gold and commission [301](#) solid gold Statues of Liberty (\$1599 oz, July 18, 2011).

All costs are original nominal costs.

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