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REAGANITES CALL ON OBAMA AND GOP TO SACRIFICE BIG GOVERNMENT

CONSERVATIVES ON OBAMA SOTU: 'SACRIFICE,' YES, BUT ...

ALEXANDRIA, VA – **Citizens for the Republic, a grassroots organization founded by Ronald Reagan,** anticipating President Obama's State of the Union address tomorrow night – today called on congressional Republicans to heed the lessons of the 2010 elections and forego new government spending.

"The question for tomorrow night's State of the Union address isn't 'What will Obama say?' ... it's 'How will congressional Republicans respond?'," **said CFTR Executive Vice President Bill Pascoe.**

"After all, it was in the immediate aftermath of their November 2010 electoral rout, when they were still flush with victory, that they caved to Obama and included an unpaid-for extension of unemployment benefits in a tax 'compromise' that only lasts two years, and has no significant pro-growth dynamic. It was in the aftermath of that November 2010 electoral rout that Senate Republicans caved and provided the votes necessary to ratify the New START Treaty, a treaty that handicaps our nation's ability to defend itself. And it was in the aftermath of that November 2010 electoral rout that they caved on the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

"Instead, the President should heed the will of the people as expressed in last November's elections, and call for shared sacrifice," continued Pascoe, "and the GOP can join him. They can begin by sacrificing the wasteful spending involved in any number of Big Government programs. He can tell us tomorrow night that he plans to submit a budget that zeroes out the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Legal Services Corporation. He can tell us tomorrow night that he plans to rescind the \$45 billion in unspent 'stimulus' funds. The funds spent on these liberal boondoggles may be small in the grand scheme of things, but the principle involved is large.

"If he wants to really make a mark, he can tell us he supports the Spending Reduction Act of 2011, introduced just a few days ago by U.S. Reps. Jim Jordan and Scott Garrett, and Senator Jim DeMint," continued Pascoe. "And if they're really serious about stopping the Big Government train, congressional GOP leaders can sign on as co-sponsors of the Spending Reduction Act, and move it to the President's desk for his signature.

"I expect we're going to hear a lot tomorrow night about 'sacrifice,'" concluded Pascoe. "Here's hoping the President and the Congress plan to sacrifice wasteful government spending, not more American families on the altar of Big Government."

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