



The Honorable Jim Jordan
United States House of Representatives
1524 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Jordan,

April 14, 2011

On behalf of Independent Women's Voice, I thank you for your leadership in advancing the Republican Study Committee budget for FY 2012. It is time for Congress to get serious about cutting and reforming government to make way for job creation, economic growth, and more prosperity for Americans and their families.

The Obama Administration and liberals in Congress have failed to provide the American people with leadership. Asking taxpayers over and over again to cover the cost of out-of-control spending is unacceptable. Even worse, we now face \$14 trillion in national debt and without a different plan, we are guaranteeing a bleaker future for generations to come.

Now, more than ever, we need the kind of bold ideas put forth in the RSC budget proposal, "Honest Solutions." This plan would help to restore fiscal sanity to Washington.

The midterm elections of 2010 were a loud rejection of the government's current path toward over-spending, large deficits, and debt. Clearly, the RSC listened to voters and is now advancing a budget that would reduce federal spending to 18 percent of GDP (below the historical average) and puts forth a feasible plan to achieve balance within a decade.

The RSC budget would also repeal ObamaCare – the costly and destructive government takeover of American health care – and would reform unsustainable entitlement programs to the benefit of both taxpayers and the beneficiaries of these social aid programs.

Moreover, the RSC budget proposal respects the work that Americans do and allows us to keep more of our hard-earned dollars by making the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts permanent. In fact, the RSC budget would reduce our national debt and lower taxes at the same time, providing American businesses with the resources and the certainty they need to grow and create jobs.

This plan is similar to – but goes farther than – the "Path to Prosperity" plan put forth by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, which IWV also strongly supports. America has a great legacy of opportunity, growth, and prosperity. We cannot let that legacy die by allowing big spenders to dig us deeper into a hole of debt. To reverse course, we encourage all Members of Congress to embrace the sensible ideas advanced in the RSC FY 2012 budget and to vote YES.

Sincerely,

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Heather R. Higgins
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Independent Women's Voice