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RSC Update: Support Grows for “Cut, Cap, & Balance”

From the Chairman

The United States of America, the most dynamic country in history, is running headlong into a major debt crisis. Prominent Democrat Erskine Bowles [calls](#) it "the most predictable economic crisis in history." And with Washington borrowing more than 40 cents out of every dollar spent, we are rapidly approaching a tipping point.

While President Obama asked Congress for a blank check debt limit increase (which the House voted down 97-318), conservatives are getting behind a plan that could actually prevent the coming calamity. Yesterday, we officially released our “Cut, Cap, and Balance” proposal with the support of 103 House Republicans and numerous conservative organizations.

As The Washington Times says in an [editorial](#) today, “the debt ceiling represents the last chance conservatives have” to cut spending and prevent this most predictable crisis. We must take a firm stand today. Please show your support by forwarding this email, clicking the Facebook “Like” button at the top of our [“Cut, Cap, and Balance”](#) page, and urging your friends and family to help spread the word.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.

- Rep. Connie Mack (FL-14): [Breaking Free from Economic Oppression, 1 Cent at a Time](#); Naples Daily News, May 31.
- Rep. Sandy Adams (FL-24) and Rep. Bill Posey (FL-15): [Plan to Save Medicare](#); Florida Today, June 1.
- Rep. Larry Bucshon (IN-08): [Save Medicare, for Now and the Future](#); Courier and Press, June 1.
- Chairman Jim Jordan (OH-04): [“Cut, Cap, and Balance” interview with Neil Cavuto](#); June 2.

RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America’s future.

- Rep. Tim Scott (SC-01) introduced the [Empower Employees Act](#), which would allow federal employees to decide for themselves whether to or not to contribute to a labor union.
- Reps. Darrell Issa (CA-49), Dennis Ross (FL-12), and Jason Chaffetz (UT-03) introduced legislation that would [reduce the federal workforce](#) by 10% by 2015, a proposal drawn from President Obama's 2010 Debt Commission.

House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.

- On Tuesday, the House overwhelmingly rejected [President Obama's request](#) for a blank check debt limit increase by a vote of 97-318.
- On Thursday, the House passed [H.R. 2017](#), the FY 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, by a vote of 231-188.
- On Friday, the House voted on [two resolutions](#) related to U.S. military action in Libya. Speaker John Boehner's resolution, calling for President Obama to provide more clarity and opposing the deployment of U.S. ground troops in Libya, passed by a vote of 268-145. Rep. Dennis Kucinich's resolution, ordering the President to disengage U.S. forces from Libya within 15 days, failed by a vote of 148-265.

Outlook – A quick look at what's on the horizon.

- The House is not in session this week. Next week, we expect to debate and vote on the appropriations bill for military construction and veterans programs, as well as the appropriations bill for agriculture programs.

RSC Reports

- Each week the House is in session, the RSC Budget and Spending Taskforce compiles a [weekly report](#) on the latest budget and spending news. Additionally, the [RSC Money Monitor](#) tracks how bills passed by the House affect authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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