

Recently the House of Representatives considered several different budget resolutions that would take the country in very different directions. The plan passed by the majority will increase government spending to unprecedented levels, increases taxes by \$1.5 trillion and doubles our nation's debt in five years. The better plan, which I supported and voted for, offered by the Republican Study Committee, would curb the out-of-control spending and put an end to the excessive borrowing.

Under the majority's plan, spending will double to more than \$5 trillion in 10 years. This just continues the borrow-and-spend mentality that has already left us with a massive national debt. Their plan will also continue to grow the federal government to the largest size in the history of our nation. Increasing the size of government is not the answer to all of our problems. The bottom line is this plan spends too much, taxes too much and borrows too much.

The Republican Study Committee plan I voted for would provide \$1.2 trillion in tax relief for hard-working Americans and help small-business owners create jobs, control our nation's debt and put the economy back on track for growth and prosperity. The plan balances the budget by fiscal 2019, and ensures national defense and veterans' health care remain a top priority in these uncertain times. This plan also and makes sure health care and retirement security remain a national priority. All hard-working Americans must receive the benefits they were promised and deserve.

This plan also gets non-defense discretionary spending under control. Over a 10-year period the budget grows responsibly with the economy; it doesn't drive the economy like the majority's plan.

The government spending must come to an end. It is our duty to make this country a better place than how we found it for future generations. To make that a reality the excessive deficit spending must stop.

Our main priority needs to be getting Americans back to work; not raising taxes on small businesses, which are the job creators, and certainly not implementing polices to expand government bureaucracy.

## **Runaway spending continues and it's time to get it under control**

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I am very disappointed with the enormous growth in government spending during the first three months of this new Congress. Already, more than \$2 trillion in new spending has been forced through by the majority without accepting any input from Republicans.

Our country can no longer afford to pile our own irresponsible debt on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren. Unfortunately, the budget recently passed by the House of Representatives will continue to do exactly that by spending too much, taxing too much and borrowing too much.