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## **Cantor Calls on Democrats to Join Effort to Restore Fiscal Sanity**

**Washington, D.C.** – Chief Deputy Majority Whip Eric Cantor (R-VA) released the following statement today calling on Democrats to join the Republican effort to restore fiscal sanity to the federal government:

“House Republicans are about to embark on a bold approach to restrain federal spending. We will aggressively look for billions in savings within the federal budget and tighten the government’s belt.

“This deficit reduction plan will add to our list of accomplishments in the control of federal spending. Republicans have already begun to change the focus of Congress to finding new ways to save the taxpayers’ money.

“We stopped funding for 98 wasteful programs. In the coming weeks, we will work to permanently eliminate them.

“We found \$4.6 billion in savings within the budget. Now we’ll look for \$50 billion more.

“Democrats, on the other hand, have no plan to reduce the deficit. While they complain about budget deficits, they have proposed billions more in new spending so far this year. Their only answer is to raise taxes in order to have more money to spend. That is no good for either the family checkbook or the American economy.

“I ask my Democrat colleagues to join us in the effort to restore fiscal sanity. In 1997, the House passed a deficit reduction bill with 153 Democrat votes that saved billions. They should join us in a similar move now.

“It is time for Democrats to put partisanship aside and put the control of federal spending first.”

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