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RYAN REITERATES SUPPORT FOR FEDERAL WORKER PAY FREEZE; CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL ACTION TO ACHIEVE REAL SAVINGS

WASHINGTON – Earlier today, House Budget Committee Ranking Republican Paul Ryan reiterated his support for a Federal civilian employee pay freeze in light of President Obama’s embrace of this Republican spending-reduction proposal. Regarding the President’s announcement, Ryan issued the following statement:

“The President has done the right thing today by taking steps to check the explosive growth of government. This is the kind of cooperation we were hoping for when House Republicans advanced this proposal last May, and we’re glad to see the President embrace this spending cut.

“While we welcome the President’s announcement to freeze Federal pay, we hope it is matched with both a hiring freeze for the Federal bureaucracy and a reduction in agency budgets so the savings aren’t recycled into new spending. House Budget Committee Republicans included these proposals as part of more than \$1 trillion in specific spending cuts. Unfortunately, House Democrats rejected the proposal when House Republicans brought the Federal pay freeze measure to the House floor.

“I remain hopeful the President will work with House Republicans on additional efforts to cut and cap government spending, taking the much needed first steps toward getting our unsustainable structural deficits under control.”

For more from House Budget Committee Republicans:

- When House Democrats failed to produce a budget, House Budget Committee Republicans offered \$1.3 trillion in spending cuts to spur job creation and help get our fiscal house in order: http://www.house.gov/budget_republicans/press/cutspendingnow.pdf.
- The package of spending cuts included a proposal to freeze Federal pay, which would save taxpayers roughly \$30 billion over ten years, and narrow the widening gap between Federal workers and their private sector counterparts: http://www.house.gov/budget_republicans/press/2007/freezepay.pdf
- House Republicans’ proposal to eliminate the Federal employee pay raise, and the subsequent rejection by House Democrats on the House floor: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/YouCut/week2.htm>

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