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The Honorable Tom Price
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Dear Representatives Price and Jordan,

We write to support the FY 2011 RSC Budget Plan, H. Con. Res. 281. This proposal provides strong leadership for a more fiscally responsible federal government and provides a viable plan alternative to the President's tax-and-spend budget.

Recognizing that the current explosion of federal spending is unsustainable, the RSC budget freezes discretionary spending at FY 2008 levels. This responsible step towards slowing government growth stands in stark contrast to the President's plan to "freeze" spending at their currently bloated levels.

The RSC budget plan also repeals harmful fiscal policies such as TARP and the Davis-Bacon Act, potentially saving taxpayers trillions. These stagnated spending policies have proven ineffective and their rescission is an important step towards responsible budgeting.

Spending on entitlements – Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid – is slated to hit \$2.6 trillion under the President's budget plan, which is approximately the amount the government spent in the entire 2005 fiscal year. The RSC plan ties Medicare increases to economic growth and Medicaid spending to inflation to slow the explosive growth of these entitlements.

The RSC Budget Plan would also incorporate several useful policies for more responsible fiscal policy. **It eliminates the Gephardt Rule, which allows the debt limit increase to be tacked on as a rider to the budget resolution and assumes an earmark moratorium.**

The President's budget proposal continues to spend money without regard to the taxpayers who are left footing the bill for reckless spending policy. The RSC responsibly addresses the need for spending reform with several significant steps in the right direction. **Thus, we urge your colleagues to co-sponsor and otherwise support H. Con. Res. 281, the RSC Budget Plan.**

Sincerely,

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