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DLC Statement on Blue Dog 'Blueprint for Fiscal Reform'

WASHINGTON – As Democrats turn a greater focus to getting the nation's fiscal house in order, DLC CEO Bruce Reed released the following statement:

"President Obama reaffirmed his commitment to fiscal discipline in the *State of the Union Address*. As middle class families are 'tightening their belts and making tough decisions,' the federal government should do the same.

"As part of any effort to diminish the tax burden on middle class families, policy makers at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue should embrace the newly-released 'Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform.' The Blue Dogs have long been at the forefront of Congressional efforts to reduce the nation's deficit. Once again, they have come up with a roadmap that will ensure that Washington lives within its means."

Earlier this week, the House Blue Dog Coalition released the 'Blue Dog Blueprint for Fiscal Reform,' a set of 15 policy ideas designed to cut spending and balance the budget, including establishing a bipartisan fiscal commission, as President Obama pledged to do in the *State of the Union Address*.

The 54-member Blue Dog coalition, formed in 1995, is committed to mainstream American values, and has long served as a voice in Congress for fiscal discipline.

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