



Thomas A. Schatz
President

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support H. Con. Res. 37, the Republican Study Committee's (RSC) FY 2012 budget proposal. The RSC's plan would reduce the size and scope of government, reform Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security to ensure long-term sustainability, and ultimately balance the federal budget by 2020.

Last year, House Democrats were unwilling and unable to propose a budget. Until that point, the House had never failed to pass an annual budget resolution since the current budget rules were put into place in 1974. As a result of their inaction, federal spending ballooned unchecked and taxpayers now hold the bill for a staggering \$14.2 trillion national debt. Needless to say, there has never been a more crucial time in the nation's history to pass a fiscally responsible, deficit-reducing budget.

H. Con. Res. 37 would freeze total discretionary spending at 2008 levels beginning in 2013, repeal ObamaCare to eliminate \$677 billion in additional spending over ten years, reduce non-defense discretionary spending by \$191 billion and unnecessary mandatory spending by \$1.9 trillion between 2012 and 2021. Additionally, the RSC budget terminates unconstitutional, duplicative and wasteful federal programs, prohibits earmarks, prevents any new tax increases, and reforms the tax code in an effort to stimulate the economy and encourage job growth.

The RSC's proposal also tackles the nation's growing entitlement liabilities by proposing fiscally-sound reforms to Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. The budget would slowly phase-in an increase in the Medicare and Social Security eligibility ages for those born in 1952 or after; provide more healthcare choices for seniors and ultimately transition to a solvent premium-support system that resembles the health insurance plans enjoyed by Members of Congress; and block-grant Medicaid, allowing states to have more autonomy over their healthcare priorities.

I strongly urge you to support the RSC's FY 2012 budget proposal and to work toward securing its passage. The era of institutional denial and magical thinking in Washington must come to an end now. All votes on H. Con. Res. 37 will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2011 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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