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Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, representing a wide array of taxpayer, free market, and limited government advocates, we write in support of a second reconciliation bill focused primarily on debt and deficit reduction. With our national debt continuing to reach new heights on a daily basis, we believe that this issue above all else must be a top legislative priority for the Republican majority.

Advancing a debt-focused legislative package would maintain the momentum of President Trump's historic second term. As you know, on July 4, President Trump signed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) into law. This bill stopped one of the [largest tax increases](#) in American history from taking effect in 2025, and included provisions that cut taxes for working class Americans and seniors. Nearly every American will receive a tax cut, leading to increased economic growth, according to the [Tax Foundation](#).

This bill was a clear win for the American people, but there is much more work to be done. While OBBBA made great strides in cutting over \$1 trillion in unproductive spending across the federal government, current federal debt levels are currently over [\\$38 trillion](#) and there is still much work to be done to get the federal budget under control. The federal government spends over \$17 billion dollars a day, and—even after the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) and the Trump Administration's cuts—overall federal spending is still currently running [over 2024 levels](#).

We believe that Congress has a great opportunity to support President Trump's efforts to reduce wasteful government spending and eventually eliminate federal budget deficits by embarking on a new reconciliation project. This effort should include:

- Cost-saving policies considered for OBBBA but which were eventually left out, including ending the policy of paying more generous health care subsidies to healthy and able-bodied Americans than to disabled and older citizens who are actually in need, as well as providing extra health benefits to those living in larger and wealthier states,
- Structural reforms to the bureaucracy and misguided spending programs, including fixing a system that currently pays higher wages and retirement benefits to government workers than the average American receives, as well as eliminating remaining wasteful green energy credits and ending expensive subsidies for transit services that few Americans actually take when our roads and bridges are strained and in need of repair,
- Key Trump Administration goals, including codifying useful changes made by DOGE that cut the headcount of federal employees in wasteful government programs like USAID and the EPA, as well as limiting the use of food stamps to those who are actually in need and ending student loan forgiveness to highly paid public employees,
- Reining in government spending in key areas, including mandatory spending programs like the Highway Trust Fund, as well as [improper payments](#) by federal agencies.

With federal [debt levels](#) above our gross domestic product (GDP) for the first time since World War II, we are nearing a red line for our economy. We urge Congress to once again embark on reconciliation, with a renewed emphasis on making America solvent, and applaud the Republican Study Committee for getting the ball rolling with their release of a [thoughtful 2.0 framework](#).

Sincerely,



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