



September 23, 2010

The Honorable Tom Price  
424 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Price,

**We write to support the RSC Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011. This bill provides clear leadership on spending priorities by setting non-discretionary spending at 2008 levels, extending the GOP earmark moratorium and excluding any extraneous and misnamed “emergency” spending.**

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 ensures the bloated “stimulus” and bailout spending programs won’t be incorporated into baseline spending levels for years to come.

**Importantly, this bill does not include miscellaneous spending measures.** Each year, the Continuing Resolution is used as a vehicle to hide extraneous spending projects that amount to billions in wasteful pork. The CR, then, usually amounts to a political payoff for Members not having done their job of passing the 12 appropriations bills earlier in the year.

In fact, the RSC Continuing Resolution goes a step further by prohibiting any 2011 appropriations from being used for earmarks. This, coupled with reduced spending and the exclusion of spending requests made by the President, saves \$99 billion as compared to the plan proposed by Congressional Democrats.

H.J.Res 96 would also authorize funding for the entire year. This provides a clear outlook for the outlays of the federal government for Fiscal Year 2011, and will prevent the attempts made by members each year to shuttle multiple short-term bills, full of hidden spending initiatives, through the legislative process.

Congressional leadership, having failed to pass a budget or any of the twelve annual appropriations bills, has shown American taxpayers it has little interest in governing. 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.J.Res 96, the RSC Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2011.**

Sincerely,

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