



February 16, 2016

Dear Candidates for President of the United States:

Beginning in January, 2017, one of you will serve as our next President. It will be your solemn Constitutional duty to lead the effort to protect our Homeland and fellow Americans.

One of the primary threats to our freedoms and way of life is the smothering \$19 trillion national debt. For decades, reckless spending and borrowing by Washington politicians and bureaucrats has created this growing fiscal monster. It is discouraging business investment and new jobs, and is robbing our kids' futures with accelerating interest payments they will owe. It's simply not right to saddle future generations with a mountain of debt caused by the overspending of earlier generations.

Today, the interest payments on the expanding debt is approximately \$230 billion per year. That's more than twice what we spend on Veterans' benefits. In seven years, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office projects those interest payments will exceed \$600 billion per year, more than what we spend to defend our country. As interest rates rise, those debt service payments will further choke off our ability to fund essential federal government services, and also stunt economic growth, more jobs and fatter paychecks for hard-working Americans.

Washington desperately needs fiscal discipline not only in Congress but also in the White House. Our next President will have tremendous influence over the fiscal health of our federal government. That, in turn, will impact economic growth, job creation, and our national defense.



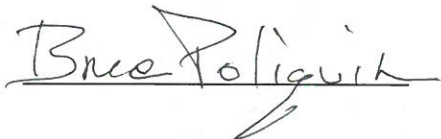
Mainly due to spending restraints by fiscal conservatives in the U.S. House of Representatives, the annual budget deficit has fallen by two-thirds - from \$1.3 trillion to \$440 billion - during the past four years. A new fiscally prudent President working with Congress can finish the job of balancing our national budget and start paying off the job-killing debt.

We House freshmen are ready to work with all Members of Congress, Republicans and Democrats, and with our new President to finally put our nation's fiscal house in order. In addition to immediate and urgent work needed on our annual budgets, we have concluded the best way to ensure lasting fiscal discipline and economic health of our country is to pass a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. That's why many of us co-sponsored this bill on our second day in the Congress. That's why some of us spoke about this critically important initiative on the House Floor as our first official order of business in Washington.

With this letter, we ask for your public commitment to support a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Some of you have supported this effort in the past. If so, we ask you to re-affirm your commitment. If you have opposed such action, we ask that you reconsider your position.

Thank you for addressing this issue so important to the futures of our children and our country. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
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