



Thomas A. Schatz
President

March 18, 2003

The Honorable Jim Nussle
Chairman, Committee on the Budget
United States House of Representatives
309 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1011

Dear Chairman Nussle:

Along with the more than one million members and supporters of the Council of Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I commend you on championing a responsible fiscal 2004 Budget Resolution that is both pro-economic growth and pro-taxpayer, while holding the line on out-of-control discretionary spending.

The Budget Committee's blueprint lays out an ambitious plan to get the economy moving at full speed by providing meaningful, long-overdue relief to the American taxpayer, to the tune of nearly \$1.6 trillion over the next decade. It incorporates all of the vital provisions of President Bush's economic stimulus plan, while bringing the federal budget into balance within 7 years and paying down the debt.

As the nation prepares for war and wrestles with a rising deficit, tight constraints on spending are an absolute necessity. To that end, we are particularly pleased that the budget resolution instructs congressional committees to produce legislation on an expedited basis to cut \$470 billion in "waste, fraud and abuse." There is more than enough wasteful spending in both mandatory and discretionary programs to easily reach this target.

We encourage you to keep fighting on behalf of the American taxpayer and we look forward to working with you to cut the bloat out of the federal budget and bring efficiency and accountability back to our government institutions. CCAGW intends to consider all votes on the Budget Committee's fiscal 2004 resolution in our 2003 Congressional Ratings.

Sincerely,

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