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PAUL RYAN TO TAKE PART IN WHITE HOUSE FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY SUMMIT

Ryan: "Talk without action is unacceptable"

WASHINGTON – Wisconsin's First District Congressman Paul Ryan is set to take part in Monday's Fiscal Responsibility Summit at the White House. Ryan will join President Barack Obama, several Congressional colleagues, and private sector leaders to discuss the urgent challenges facing our nation – including our deepening economic recession, out-of-control health care costs, and the explosion of entitlement spending. As Ranking Member of House Budget Committee and senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Ryan serves as a leading voice on bringing fiscal discipline and accountability to the federal government, and has put forth a comprehensive reform proposal to address the interrelated crises in health care, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, our outdated tax code, and our exploding debt.

In advance of Monday's meeting at the White House, Ryan issued the following statement:

"It is an honor to take part in this critical discussion on the fiscal health of our nation. I look forward to pressing the case for action on a fiscal crisis that has been ignored for far too long. While debate and discussions are critical to serious entitlement reform, talk without action is unacceptable. I have put forth a comprehensive reform proposal – 'A Roadmap for America's Future' – that directly tackles the interrelated crises in health care, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, our outdated tax code, and our exploding debt.

"We need to move beyond talking about these problems to forging solutions to address them. Each year we wait, the problems expand and the solutions get more difficult. We need to tackle these problems before they tackle us so that we can continue the great American legacy of leaving the next generation a better America with a stronger and more competitive economy that produces more jobs and higher paying jobs.

"I applaud President Obama for continuing to reach out to Republicans, but true bipartisanship requires true collaboration. The recently-enacted stimulus bill was unfortunately a partisan exercise that expanded these problems. These problems are not Democratic problems or Republican problems, and neither are the

solutions. I am hopeful that Monday's summit can begin the process of building bipartisan support for real action."

To learn more about Ryan's "Roadmap for America's Future":

<http://www.americanroadmap.org>.

To read Ryan's recent piece in the *New York Times* on the long-term consequences of H.R. 1 and the global borrowing binge:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/14/opinion/14ryan.html>.

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