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COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET
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To Whom It May Concern,

On July 12, 1974, the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 was enacted into law, ushering in a new era of budgeting in Congress.

Fifty years later, as the nation faces debt levels approaching \$35 trillion, it is abundantly clear that Congress must change the way it budgets.

The House Budget Committee established the Budget Process Reform Task Force to fix Washington's broken budget process. Chaired by Representative Rudy Yakym (R-IN), the Task Force leads the Committee's work on increasing transparency, accountability, and responsibility within the congressional budget process.

Over the past six months, the Budget Committee has approved ten pieces of legislation to improve the budget process, two of which have passed the House. These bipartisan bills collectively Sound the Alarm by improving cost estimates, tackling improper payments, increasing transparency and the flow of information to the Congressional Budget Office, informing the public, empowering Congress to save and strengthen the nation's trust funds and financial footing, and more.

Building on this work, we have promoted ways to enhance the transparency and integrity of the appropriations process and ensure sustainable fiscal controls. Today, the Committee released three discussion drafts for proposals to minimize budget gimmicks by reinstating and enforcing outlay caps, requiring sponsors of legislation to justify any emergency spending, and eliminating the use of bad Changes in Mandatory Spending Programs (CHIMPs), which do not produce long term savings.

As part of this endeavor, the Task Force is soliciting feedback from independent experts, stakeholders, and coalition groups on these discussion drafts and additional ideas to reform or reinforce the congressional budget process.

Exploring Solutions:

If you or your organization is interested in improving the budget process, please share your specific solutions. Responses could address but are not limited to the following:

1. Suggestions for reforms that could enhance transparency, accountability, and efficiency in the budget process.

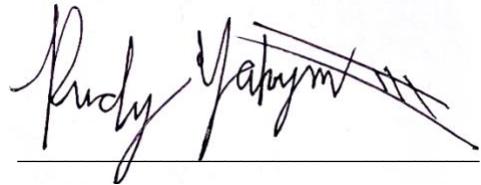
2. Tools to limit the use of budget gimmicks that hide the true cost of legislation and circumvent fiscal controls.
3. Approaches to help Congress better manage finite resources to budget within the nation's means.
4. Methods for reducing the national deficit without stifling economic growth or imposing burdens on taxpayers.
5. Recommendations for achieving long-term fiscal stability.
6. Perspectives on how to account for the rising cost of regulations and administrative actions in the budget process.

We appreciate your time and attention to this important matter. Please send direct responses to HBCR.Budget.Process.Reform@mail.house.gov no later than September 6th.

Sincerely,



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