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House Budget Committee  
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Dear Chairman Arrington:

Across the country, Americans are sitting at their kitchen tables working on their budgets. They're balancing family priorities with nice-to-haves while navigating the economy of the day. It's difficult work, but it must be done.

For far too long, the federal government has avoided this important responsibility. Instead of balancing budgets, it spends more than it takes in. Instead of setting priorities and saving money, it grows government programs with reckless abandon, making today's habits tomorrow's problem.

With this new budget resolution, the House Budget Committee puts an end to business as usual. It balances the federal budget in a decade, preserves limited resources for the truly needy, safeguards taxpayer dollars against fraud, and promotes work for able-bodied adults.

Included in this budget resolution are important provisions that expand work requirements for able-bodied adults on Medicaid and food stamps. We know that work requirements work and are a proven way to help protect program integrity, increase incomes, and reduce government dependence. Real opportunity comes in the form of a paycheck, not a welfare check. And encouraging able-bodied adults to move from welfare to work ensures that resources remain readily available to the truly needy for whom these programs were created.

Since the pandemic, our country has seen a rapid expansion of government spending that has led to growing dependency and runaway inflation, denying millions of people the opportunity to pursue the American Dream. The real policymakers in America are the army of bureaucrats—at least 2.1 million strong—who keep their jobs no matter who's elected. They are nearly impossible to fire, they're overwhelmingly liberal, and they exert massive control not just over the economy, but over our individual lives.

By requiring an up-or-down vote for costly rules and regulations, the REINS Act loosens the grip the administrative state has on our nation, and the GOOD Act will make it easier to deregulate and roll back the damage the Biden administration has already done. By including both, this budget resolution will help put the American people's representatives back in charge of Washington's purse strings, ending the stranglehold "Bidenomics" has on our country.

The Biden administration's policies have set our country and the economy on an unsustainable path, one that prioritizes welfare over work and runaway spending over smart restraint. Under Chairman Arrington's leadership, the House Budget Committee is doing important work to help America and her citizens reach their full potential. They understand the challenges we face as a nation and the solutions that will put our country back on a path to greatness.

Sincerely,

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