

## **The Heritage Foundation – Richard Stern – Statement of Support**

We applaud the work of the Chairman Arrington and the other members and staff of the House Budget Committee for tackling the hard task of laying out a foundation for a balanced and appropriate federal budget. Reckless federal spending has pushed our national debt above \$260,000 per American household – truly a second mortgage for each family, weighing down our economy and mortgaging our children's futures.

Beyond that, annual federal spending now redirects nearly a quarter of our economy through the hands of federal politicians and bureaucrats. The vision laid out by the Budget Committee would put an end to that. It would work to restore the vision of the Founders to right-size the federal government and limit its size and scope to the bounds of the Constitution. It would also ensure the solvency of major entitlement programs and work to promote pro-growth policies that will lead to more prosperity for generations to come.