

I want to inform you that House Republicans have helped Washington take a major step towards restoring fiscal sanity by passing the '[Pathway to Prosperity](#),' the Republican budget plan for Fiscal Year 2012, which begins October 1, 2011. This is a critical aspect of the all important fight over the fiscal future of our nation.

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America is facing a debt crisis that, if unchecked, threatens to consume our economy, destroy jobs, and leave our children and grandchildren with a financial burden from which they may not be able to recover. The Republican budget cuts \$6.2 trillion in spending over the next ten years – a sharp reversal of the out-of-control spending we've seen in recent years. It provides tax reforms that would allow American businesses to put that money back into job creation, increasing competitiveness both at home and abroad. It ensures that Medicare will be saved for future generations by providing fiscally sustainable reforms. In short, this budget forces Washington to do exactly what families across Northern California have been forced to do – live within its means.

In order to ensure that we lift the burden of debt from future generations it is essential that we make the hard choices before us today. Thus far, President Obama has failed to lead on the reforms necessary to truly solve the serious problems before us. History will judge us by what we do today and the choice is simple. Either we stand strongly in support of America's future prosperity or we choose to continue the status quo of out-of-control spending that will lead our nation into economic ruin. I'm pleased to support a plan that would return our nation to fiscal responsibility and reverse the tax and spend culture of Washington.

Also, in case you missed it, I invite you to watch the [first](#) of a three part series of presentations I'm doing on our nation's debt crisis. I hope you find it informative.