



April 26, 2023

Our job has just begun

Dear RSC Colleague,

Moments ago, the House passed the Limit, Save, Grow Act. Like nearly everyone reading this, I voted in support of this bill. While not perfect, I know that failing to expeditiously pass a strong, fiscally responsible measure would have put us on a fast track to a clean debt ceiling increase.

With House passage of the Limit, Save, Grow Act, there may be a sense of accomplishment and cause for celebration among our members. But as you know, **our job is not done. In fact, it has just begun.** Now we must safeguard the reforms in this package and memorialize its contents in law.

While final enactment of debt ceiling legislation requires bipartisan support, our goal still must not be limited to simply avoiding a clean debt limit increase. Nor can we be happy with just a few token reforms. As Chairman of the Republican Study Committee, I will use every tool in my arsenal to defend every provision of this package.

The path will not be easy. The debt limit's so-called X-date is fast approaching, and you can count on Secretary Yellen to publish the earliest estimation she can fathom. The White House and their media allies will continue to spout falsehoods about the House's bill and accuse us of jeopardizing the full faith and credit of the United States. I'll also remind you that the last time Congress raised the debt limit, a handful of Senate Republicans teamed up with Democrats to nuke the filibuster.

The next phase of this fight will play out in the Senate and the public square. Successfully defending the provisions of the Limit, Save, Grow Act will require partnering with our Senate colleagues. We should encourage them to be bold. We must build a coalition.

In the face media hostility, do not hesitate to speak directly to the American people. Remember, they are with us. They are sick of inflation, want affordable energy, believe in the power of work, and support fiscal restraint. They don't want their children's future to be dictated by Communist China.

President Biden insists the American people will support his refusal to negotiate. He is wrong. The longer he and Congressional Democrats deny this fact, the greater the price they will pay.

Ultimately, the leverage we hold will come from the pressure we create through a strong message and stronger resolve.

It's time to finish the job.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Hern".

Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)

Chairman, Republican Study Committee