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Dear RSC Colleague,

Over two months ago, I wrote to you about the debt limit with a promise: “The RSC will work together to provide responsible solutions and show the American people that Congress can be capable of serious leadership and fiscal responsibility.”

I am proud of the work the RSC has since done to deliver on this promise. The RSC Steering Committee endorsed a framework for debt limit negotiations, we (twice) hosted the CBO director to hear dire warnings of our nation’s debt crisis, we released a ten-page memo laying out policies building on the Steering Committee’s framework, and we released a member survey showing the spending cuts and reforms they value most. Together, these elements formed the RSC’s Debt Limit Playbook.

Members across the conference, whether individually or as part of other organizations, have similarly sounded the alarm. Countless discussions in recent weeks have shown our members are unified in their desire to deliver as strong a solution as possible for the American people.

Remember, voters fired House Democrats for a reason. They are sick of the persistent hardships inflicted by Democrats’ excessive spending and oppressive policies. **They gave us a mandate:** tame inflation, deliver affordable energy and a strong economy, stop spending their children’s future away, and rein in the woke and weaponized government. **The American people deserve no less.**

The debt limit talks we have had to date have been invaluable. But the time for discussion is coming to an end. **The time for action is now.**

In just five days, House members will return to Washington. **Passage of a strong debt limit bill before the end of the April legislative session must be the chamber’s top priority.** We must work night and day to get it passed to show the American people we can be trusted and force the Senate and White House to answer for their dereliction of duty.

Sincerely,

RSC Chairman Kevin Hern