



## **Statements of Support for RSC FY24 Budget**

*Jessica Anderson, Executive Director, Heritage Action for America:* "The Republican Study Committee's FY 2024 budget encapsulates conservative priorities of ensuring liberty through deregulation, promoting employment opportunities, prioritizing sustainable healthcare coverage, and rolling back federal spending - all while allowing Americans to keep more of their paycheck. Reckless spending and rising interest rates have resulted in the budget deficit increasing more than 190% from just one year ago. This must stop. We commend Chairman Kevin Hern and Congressman Ben Cline for offering a roadmap for responsible federal spending."

*Richard Stern, Director of the Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, The Heritage Foundation:* "With their FY 2024 budget, the Republican Study Committee has offered a vision of how to restore our nation and safeguard the prosperity of Americans for generations to come. Their plan would combat the scourge of inflation, balance the budget while robustly providing for our national defense, defend life, and promote pro-growth policies."

At a time when our national debt now stands at roughly \$250,000 per family, we need such leadership more now than ever. We applaud Chairman Kevin Hern, Congressman Ben Cline, and the other members and staff of the Republican Study Committee for their budget that fights for an America where each of our God-given rights are protected and civil society flourishes once more."

*Paul Teller, Executive Director of Advancing American Freedom and former RSC Executive Director:* "Once again, the RSC has crafted a masterful budget, worthy of support from every Member of Congress. If the RSC Budget were enacted, it would lead to a dramatic reduction in the size and impact of the federal government across all spheres of American life. Most noteworthy are the thoughtful and detailed reforms to mandatory spending included throughout the Budget that are so vital to restoring even the most basic semblance of fiscal sanity in Washington. We at AAF strongly encourage the passage of the RSC Budget AND—more importantly—the enactment of the various bills that would put the RSC Budget into action."

*Rachel Barkley, Executive Director, Alliance for Opportunity:* “The Alliance for Opportunity applauds the Republican Study Committee budget for making strong reforms to the safety net that would lift people out of poverty and into opportunity. We particularly appreciate the inclusion of Empowerment Accounts. This reform helps people earn long-term self-sufficiency on the road to flourishing by streamlining the maze of safety net programs, connecting recipients to work or training, and providing more flexibility with their funds.”

*Jim Carter, Director of the Center for American Prosperity, America First Policy Institute:* “The Republican Study Committee’s proposed federal budget for fiscal year 2024 offers conservative ideas and reforms that would grow our economy, slow runaway government spending, and upset a great many federal policymakers afraid of real change. This budget is pro-growth, pro-taxpayer, and sorely needed.”

*Gentry Collins, CEO, American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce:* “America’s businesses and entrepreneurs drive progress and prosperity at home and around the globe, yet regulatory overreach and anti-competitive tax policy shackle their potential. The RSC FY24 budget reins in out-of-control regulation, reforms the regulatory process itself, and includes pro-growth tax reforms that will help open up economic opportunity for all Americans.”

*Kurt Couchman, Senior Fellow for Fiscal Policy, Americans for Prosperity:* “Every year, the Republican Study Committee provides a comprehensive budget vision for the federal government. No one else in Congress does so regularly. Taxpayers deserve a Congress that provides an honest, transparent, and complete accounting of how their public servants propose to serve them. The RSC’s annual budget includes many smart options to reduce wasteful spending, to reclaim Congress’ legislative powers, and to increase freedom and prosperity for the American people.”

*Isabelle Morales, Federal Affairs Manager, Americans for Tax Reform:* “The RSC Budget contains numerous proposals to rein in out-of-control spending, reduce taxes for the American people, and implement desperately needed government reforms. This easy-to-understand document will be an exceptional resource for conservative lawmakers looking to grow the economy, provide relief to the American people, and fight the Left’s disastrous agenda.”

*Ryan Ellis, President, Center for a Free Economy:* “The budget put forward by the Republican Study Committee focuses on the real fiscal problem in Washington—politicians spending too much of our money. We don’t have an under-taxing problem. We have an over-spending problem. Bring spending back in line, and the rest of our economic and fiscal problems will all work out.”

*David McIntosh, President, Club for Growth:* “Club for Growth commends RSC Chairman Kevin Hern and RSC Budget & Spending Task Force Chairman Ben Cline for outlining a fiscal vision that would increase economic freedom, liberty, and opportunity. The RSC’s budget provides a pathway to balance in 7 years while eliminating \$16 trillion in government intrusion. This budget is proof that hard choices can be made in order to save America from fiscal ruin. These reforms should be considered as Congress begins legislating the federal appropriations bills.”

*Maya MacGuineas, President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget:* “I am writing to congratulate the Republican Study Committee (RSC) on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget proposal. Following up on the largest deficit reduction bill passed in over a decade, the Fiscal Responsibility Act, the RSC should be proud of this accomplishment.

If implemented, the RSC budget proposal would make significant progress toward improving our nation’s fiscal health by putting debt on a downward path as a share of GDP, reducing it from 98 percent today to 68 percent by FY 2033 – instead of letting it rise to 115 percent as the Congressional Budget Office projects under current law.

The RSC’s proposal also outlines how a balanced budget can be achieved by FY 2030 through a combination of discretionary and mandatory spending reductions. While the spending levels called for in the budget proposal are likely lower than what Congress is willing to enact, the RSC budget deserves great credit for proposing reconciliation instructions to achieve all of its mandatory savings.

The RSC deserves credit for putting forward a budget when, unfortunately, few others in Congress are, as both the House and Senate Budget Committees have failed to introduce budgets. Other lawmakers should put forward their budgets to facilitate a healthy public debate, and then policymakers should adopt a budget plan for our country.

Finally, the RSC budget greatly informs the current budget process reform debate by recommending several worthwhile reforms. Such reforms are more important than ever, as our yearly budget process has completely broken down.

Again, the Republican Study Committee should be applauded for this serious effort that shows what is needed to place our country on a fiscally sustainable long-term path.”

*Wayne Crews, Fred L. Smith Fellow in Regulatory Studies, Competitive Enterprise Institute:* “The refrain of Washington in recent years has been, ‘When you run out of other people’s money, keep spending anyway.’

In contrast to Washington’s post-COVID appetite for unlimited debt spending and hyper-regulation, the new RSC FY2024 Budget Proposal highlights “empowerment and self-sufficiency” and the urgency of strengthening community institutions and building resilience. That is important to do in a nation whose federal government, unless appropriately constrained, will reflexively react to any unforeseen new economic shock with new spending and intervention, weakening an already frayed social and economic fabric.

The FY2024 Budget Proposal emphasizes the spending and deficit control that are indispensable to economic health and stability, putting restraint and eye toward budget balance front and center in fiscal policy. Long-term economic resilience is reaffirmed by such steps as pulling back unspent COVID money, ending rampant abuse of emergency declarations and procurement, and perhaps most importantly, sweeping and unprecedented regulatory reforms.

The RSC FY2024 budget uniquely recognizes that the regulatory state is even less disciplined than spending. The proposal is unparalleled in the sheer number of specific legislative fixes it would apply to the administrative state and the hidden taxes it imposes via endless unwelcome interventions whose costs still remain officially and seemingly deliberately unassessed. The RSC Budget would first and foremost restore Article I congressional accountability for rulemaking; and next create an array of new tools for regulatory oversight, review, streamlining, sunseting and budgeting. The profusion of unfunded mandates on small business and state and local governments—set for a surge under Biden—would end. The abuse of sub-regulatory guidance documents, memoranda, notices and other confetti-like federal decrees also come in for disclosure and discipline.

As we nervously anticipate another economic shock and a potential descent into the chaos of misguided reckless spending and totalitarian-minded regulation, the building of resilient institutions is job one. To that end, on the spending and regulatory fronts, the new RSC Budget provides many of the necessary solutions. It is time for Congress to put an end not only to breakneck spending and its accompanying stratospheric debt, but also to turn back the torrent of suspect 'whole-of-government' regulatory interventions from the Biden administration. Minimizing counterproductive regulatory interventions in the economic, health and safety, and environment is every bit as important as spending control.”

*James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:* “The Republican Study Committee’s FY24 budget is designed with many sound budgetary and fiscal measures. Importantly, it addresses several priorities of Conservatives for Property Rights. The RSC budget puts Uncle Sam on a diet and scales back the Administrative State. The RSC’s plan imposes fiscal responsibility. It reduces regulatory burdens, strengthens Congress’s oversight, constrains federal agencies such as the EPA and halts ideological indoctrination on taxpayers’ dollars. On property rights, the RSC’s budget halts federal land grabs. It restores Fifth Amendment protections to eminent domain. It repeals Obama-Biden Waters of the United States regulatory takings. It repeals the Death Tax. To bolster U.S. industrial competitiveness, the RSC budget unleashes private enterprise—an important facet of property rights. To improve health care, RSC expands health plan options, promotes consumer choice and competition, and undoes Inflation Exacerbation Act government price controls on innovators. For senior citizens, the proposal shores up Medicare and Social Security’s financial health while holding harmless seniors near or in their retirement years. All in all, RSC offers a wealth of good policy.”

*Tom Schatz, President, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste:* “The Republican Study Committee’s (RSC) leadership in tackling the massive debt the country has accrued, especially the trillions of dollars spent over the past two and half years, is a commendable and critical step to

restore fiscal sanity. The RSC budget would reduce wasteful spending by \$16 trillion, balance the budget in seven years, and increase transparency and accountability. I commend the RSC and Chairman Hern for working to right the floundering financial ship with commonsense solutions that should be adopted by Congress.”

*Patrick D. Purtill, Director of Legislative Affairs, Faith & Freedom Coalition:* “Under the leadership of Chairman Jim Banks and Rep. Kevin Hern, the Republican Study Committee has put forward the only serious budget blueprint of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. The federal government’s unbounded appetite for ever-increasing spending levels has undermined the middle class, the engine that creates political stability and economic growth, and thereby exacerbated the income gap between rich and poor. The RSC’s budget balances the federal ledger in five years, addresses the systemic biases against family formation in our tax code that lead to poverty for far too many women and children, and ensures the critical role of faith-based organizations in addressing our most pressing societal needs is protected in law.”

*Craig DeRoche, President and CEO of Family Policy Alliance:* “The House Republican Study Committee has once again shown their strong commitment to defend the unborn and parental rights and fight against the radical gender policies of the Biden Administration. American families are often left struggling to find who will put their priorities first in government spending. Family Policy Alliance thanks Chairman Kevin Hern and members of the RSC for their work in crafting a budget that puts those American families first.”

*Dan Stein, President, Federation for American Immigration Reform:* “The Republican Study Committee’s Fiscal Year 2024 budget blueprint takes a bold stance on immigration and correctly recognizes that the border crisis continues to threaten national security, public safety, and employment security, and poses unsustainable strains on government resources. As FAIR has long noted, every immigration policy decision by the federal government must serve the interests of American citizens, families, and workers. This is all the more true as the country faces a tightening labor market and record levels of illegal immigration. FAIR applauds Chairman Hern and Republican Study Committee members as a whole for their leadership on the immigration issue as our country faces this historic crisis. Congress should look to this blueprint and work to ensure that our immigration laws protect and serve the interests of the American people as they were meant to do.”

*Aidan Johnston, Director of Federal Affairs, Gun Owners of America:* “GOA is proud to support the Republican Study Committee’s proposed budget, which would support national concealed carry reciprocity, eliminate ATF’s illegal gun registry, and go after unconstitutional gun laws from the archaic National Firearms Act of 1934 to the more recent Cornyn-Murphy sellout. This budget shows gun owners that RSC truly supports their Second Amendment rights.”

*Cameron Sholty, Executive Director, Heartland Impact:* “The proposed budget from the Republican Study Committee is a long overdue document and thoughtful roadmap for the restoration of fiscal sanity in Washington, DC.

Restoring energy independence and responsibly culling our nation's rich energy resources will ensure economic growth and opportunity for generations to come. We offer our full-throated endorsement of policies that rein in excessive government regulation of the energy sector that serves little to no purpose other than to advance unreliable and heavily subsidized emergent technology.

As the federal budget careens toward crippling future generations of American taxpayers, the reasonable and modest measures of the RSC budget proposal is a responsible step towards reeling in the overspending and debt loads carried by every taxpayer.

And to ensure that Congress remains the vanguard of public policy of our constitutional republic, we couldn't be more supportive of efforts to rein in executive branch authority through both REINS provisions and a rollback of Chevron deference in agency rulemaking.”

*Carrie Lukas, President, Independent Women's Forum:* "IWF applauds the Republican Study Committee for proposing a budget that reflects fiscal responsibility and sets American households and businesses up for greater prosperity and opportunity. This budget makes permanent individual tax cuts and other provisions to prevent household budgets from breaking under the strain of high inflation and high interest rates. An agenda of deregulation and fighting waste and fraud can right-size government and steer us towards a more sustainable path."

*Patrice Onwuka, Director of the Center for Economic Opportunity, Independent Women's Forum:* "The RSC budget gets right what liberals in Washington have gotten wrong about the American workforce. Promoting work--not discouraging it--is actually economic empowerment. By expanding work requirements for public assistance and closing loopholes that states exploit, we can target aid to those who truly need it without creating unnecessary government dependency. Knocking down barriers to opportunity such as excessive occupational licensure ensures that everyone can compete fairly and climb the economic ladder."

*Alfredo Ortiz, President & CEO, Job Creators Network:* “The RSC’s budget is focused like a laser beam on solving the problems confronting small businesses across the country. Job Creators Network is pleased that the Republican Study Committee budget addresses each pillar of its Small Business Prosperity Plan – a blueprint for a pro-growth agenda to make small business job creators a priority. Specifically, the budget would make important provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent; promote policies that would unleash domestic energy production; reform healthcare to the benefit of small businesses and families; reduce regulation on small businesses; rein-in government spending to combat high inflation; expand access to capital for small business; attach work requirements to government assistance programs for able-bodied people; and get tough on China and unclog obstructed supply chains. The RSC’s pro-small business and pro-

economy budget stands in stark contrast to President Biden's and Democrats' big-government approach that will only worsen stagflation and ensure a recession. This budget is a bright light that, if enacted, would revive the shared economic prosperity the country enjoyed between 2017 and 2019."

*Brandon Arnold, Executive Vice President, National Taxpayers Union:* "National Taxpayers Union applauds the excellent work of the Republican Study Committee as they release their budget for fiscal year 2024. In particular, RSC Chairman Kevin Hern (R-OK) and Budget and Spending Task Force Chair Ben Cline (R-VA) deserve praise for compiling a thoughtful proposal that will get our nation's finances back on track and balance the budget by 2030.

In addition to achieving balance, the budget contains many great regulatory reforms, including putting a check on the burdens imposed by federal agencies on taxpayers, businesses, farmers, and infrastructure projects. Furthermore, it makes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 permanent, as well as permanently locks in full and immediate expensing - a powerful broad-based and pro-growth incentive for American businesses. The budget would also protect small family businesses and farms from the death tax and implement key reforms to CBO to improve the accuracy and transparency of its cost estimates.

NTU is pleased to support this budget proposal and looks forward to working with the RSC to reduce spending across the federal budget and implement pro-taxpayer policies."

*James Massa, CEO, NumbersUSA:* "The RSC Budget holistically addresses immigration policy by addressing both illegal and legal immigration issues and concerns.

Regarding illegal immigration, it includes all of the policy tools and enforcement mechanisms needed to end the Biden border surge, protect national security, and reinforce the rule of law. Mandatory E-Verify, asylum reform, the Migrant Protection Protocols, and border enforcement, among other provisions called for by the RSC Budget, are critical to addressing our ongoing illegal immigration crisis.

Importantly, the RSC Budget also addresses our legal immigration system by first recognizing that "U.S. immigration policy should be designed to primarily serve the interest of American citizens, families, and workers." It recommends eliminating the visa lottery and limiting family-based immigration to the nuclear family—spouses and minor children—of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents. These changes alone would go a long way toward improving the wages and working conditions of the most vulnerable American workers, particularly American minorities. Furthermore, by addressing the well-documented abuses of the H-1B and OPT programs, the RSC Budget would directly benefit recent American STEM college graduates, including those from America's HBCUs, who too often are pushed aside by tech companies that prefer cheap foreign labor.

Adoption of the RSC Budget would indeed establish a holistic immigration policy that prioritizes "American citizens, families, and workers."

*Brian C. Blase, PhD; President, Paragon Health Institute:* “Paragon is working hard to evaluate government health programs, develop policy solutions, and educate policymakers and the public about reforms that would put the nation's health spending on a sustainable trajectory, empower Americans to take control over their health care decisions, and ensure government programs deliver better value and health outcomes. Without real reform, critical health programs like Medicare and Medicaid are at serious risk for current and future generations. The RSC budget is an important contribution to the necessary conversations about how to reform government health programs. With serious reforms, such as expanding personalized health care options outside of the rigid, third-party payment status quo, a genuine attempt to ensure Medicare solvency, and tackling improper payments and wasteful spending in Medicaid, this budget can catalyze the exact kind of conversation needed in Washington.”

*Nan Swift, Fellow, R Street Institute:* “The R Street Institute is pleased that once again the Republican Study Committee (RSC) has published a robust budget proposal full of many strong recommendations that would reduce the costly burden of government through regulatory and spending reforms and restore authority to the legislative branch. Congress would be wise to take up proposals that would limit executive branch emergency powers, improve accountability, and reform the budget process. Certain improvements to federal agriculture policy are likewise timely and would achieve much-needed savings while reducing some of the market-distortions these policies—from commodity subsidies to the federal sugar program—impose.

Whether requiring congressional approval for actions taken by the Commodity Credit Corporation or cracking down on unauthorized appropriations, enacting legislation that would reestablish Congress’ power of the purse and increase oversight, particularly where those recommendations enjoy bipartisan support, should be prioritized.”

*Shoshana Weissmann, Fellow, R Street Institute:* “The R Street Institute is encouraged that the Republican Study Committee has continued to make occupational licensing reform a priority. Overly-burdensome licensing contributes to underemployment, reduces options for consumers, and hinders the ability of people to achieve the American Dream.”

*Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, Vice President of Government Affairs, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America:* “The Republican Study Committee has released the strongest pro-life budget yet, focused on protecting unborn children and their mothers from the horror of abortion. With the leadership of Chairman Kevin Hern and Rep. Ben Cline, this budget supports 29 federal policies that protect unborn children throughout pregnancy, prioritizes women’s health by placing safeguards for mail-order abortion drugs, and much more. While Biden and House Democrats push abortion on demand until birth, paid for by the taxpayer, Republicans are following the will of the people and working hard to protect babies and moms. We thank all of our pro-life allies for standing strong against the Democrats’ pro-abortion extremism.”



*Students for Life Action:* “On behalf of our nearly 1,400 active pro-life student groups and tens of thousands of trained student activists in all 50 states, please stand with us in support of Representative Kevin Hern and the Republican Study Committee’s Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, the most pro-life congressional budget ever proposed. The RSC budget makes the sanctity of human life a top priority, advancing the codification of measures that would permanently and reliably protect innocent human life.”

*David Williams, President, Taxpayers Protection Alliance:* “The RSC’s budget for FY24 offers a real look into Washington’s out of control spending and offers commonsense solutions to eliminate record-breaking deficits.

“TPA has long advocated on behalf of taxpayers and consumers to make provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. Not only does this proposal include just that, but also implements additional pro-growth tax cuts which stimulate the economy and create thousands of jobs. This will re-energize the American economy.

“Americans have experienced the financial strain over the last few years as the U.S. transitioned from energy independence to foreign energy dependence. This budget would adopt H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, to help bring down costs by \$795 per household annually and lower budget deficits by \$369 billion. Additionally, it would end the Biden administration’s green energy subsidies, which have been implemented at the expense of taxpayers.

“For many years, the alarming weaponization of government has become increasingly apparent, especially when it comes to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). By clawing back the \$87 billion that was awarded to the IRS in the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, the IRS won’t be able to target low and middle-income Americans with increased audits or spy on their transactions through third party payment applications.

“This budget puts American taxpayers and their pocketbooks first, providing a way forward for economic stability during uncertain times.”

*Tyler Parks, Manager of Government Relations, Tax Foundation:* “This week, the Republican Study Committee, led by Chair Kevin Hern (R-OK) and Budget Chair Ben Cline (R-VA) released their 2024 FY budget proposal with tax provisions that grow the economy and simplify the tax code, two goals that should be top priorities for policymakers. In addition to permanency for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), the RSC’s tax plan repeals distortive policy enacted in recent legislation and proposes neutral, pro-growth reforms to correct the tax treatment of investment.”

*Former Congressman John Hostettler, Vice President of Federal Affairs, Texas Public Policy Foundation and States Trust:* “I’ve been a member of Congress and in Washington for almost two decades. My experience informs me that this comprehensive plan will kickstart the American economy, balance the budget in 7 years, lower the price of everyday goods, make our country the global energy leader it should be as well as saving the average American household almost

\$800 annually on their energy bill, and defend our sovereignty and the citizenry by securing our border.”