



Balanced Budget Amendment - A Petition

My name is Malcolm C. Lunn, President of United Small Business, and I am forwarding this **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT PETITION**, urging that you contact your representatives immediately!!

Since 1960, the Federal Government has passed an annual balanced budget a pitiful 6 times. As a result, our National Debt exceeds \$14 trillion and while growing exponentially, the Federal Government continues borrowing 42 cents on every dollar spent. There is not a business, family, state or country that could sustain that amount of borrowing. The Federal debt is at its highest level since the aftermath of WWII. Balancing the budget isn't just an economic issue, our National Debt is a moral and national security issue—"a triple threat to American exceptionalism." The moral issue is the "intergenerational theft" taking place by exorbitant spending and certainly the 47% of our National Debt held by China and other foreign nations presents a significant threat to our National Security. The fiscally irresponsible spending trend that burdens our sluggish economy is providing an HISTORIC opportunity to focus public attention and policy on necessary reforms.

I believe that a **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT** is the only way to restrain Washington spending. Senator Orrin Hatch said "Congress doesn't have the will to live within its means," and concluded that the "STRAITJACKET" of a BBA was needed to keep it in check. Finally, Conservatives are starting to fire up on the **CUT, CAP, and BALANCE** pledge and are deciding they must hold Congress accountable.

Senator Jim DeMint appears to be one of them. He said he will not support any candidate for Congress—incumbent or challenger—who does not sign a pledge promising not to vote for a debt limit increase without first passing a **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT**, making deep spending cuts and putting strict limits on future government spending. He applies the same rule to presidential candidates:

"I don't have many litmus tests, but this is one—any candidate who doesn't understand that we need to balance the budget should not be President of the United States," DeMint said. "So, I'm looking for candidates to sign the pledge." (Source Eric Erickson, June 24, 2011, www.redstate.com)

We, at United Small Business of America, heartily concur!!

United Small Business of America endorses restraint on Congressional spending through the **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT** endorsed by Senators Orrin Hatch and Jim DeMint and Representative Eric Cantor and believes it is time to force our elected officials to end the uncontrolled growth of our National Debt.

Please help restrain Washington spending by signing this petition to tell Congress to halt the spending today!

I urge my Senators and members of the House of Representatives to oppose any debt limit increase unless all three of the following conditions have been met:

1. **CUT**—Substantial cuts in spending that will reduce the deficit next year and thereafter;
2. **CAP**—Enforceable spending caps that will put Federal spending on a path to Federal Balanced Budget, and
3. **BALANCE**—Congressional passage of a **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT**.

Please sign this petition below, and fax it to your Representatives-

Malcolm Lunn
President
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I support this **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT PETITION**:

Name

Company Name, City, and State