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Responsible Budget Control Act to Become Law

This week, the House of Representatives voted to cut spending by \$2.4 trillion while preventing the first credit default in U.S. history.

The Budget Control Act is a realistic approach that provides real solutions to how Congress spends money and, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), cuts more spending than the debt limit increases. This measure pays our bills in a manner that not only ensures that Michigan families' finances won't be disrupted by a job-destroying national credit default, but also charts a path of fiscal sanity by cutting \$2.4 trillion in spending over the next 10 years without raising taxes a dime.

I believe this legislation gets us off to a good start, but more spending cuts will be necessary to balance the budget and help to save money that our children and grand children would be forced to pay in the future. Congress will need to further address the issue through annual appropriations bills and other vehicles that become available, but at least we are now headed in the right direction.

The Budget Control Act was signed into law today. To read a summary of the Budget Control Act, please click [here](#).

House Votes to Expedite Keystone XL Pipeline

As unrest continues in the Middle East, causing prices to spike at the pump, Congress must act to address the high gas prices that threaten every Michigan family's budget.

Last week the House of Representatives passed the North American-Made Energy Security Act. This legislation would allow millions of barrels of Canadian oil to flow into the United States and could create more than 100,000 U.S. jobs.

The completed pipeline would help to secure our energy future so that we can work to stabilize prices at the pump for Michigan families and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Rogers' Biodefense Bill Advances to House Floor

Recently, I introduced bipartisan legislation, H.R. 2405, to protect the United States against attacks from chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) weapons. This week, the House Energy and Commerce Committee passed this critical legislation, which also reauthorizes the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA). This bill is currently before the full U.S. House of Representatives.

I believe it is necessary to reauthorize the federal government's role in protecting the country from attack and BARDA would do just that. This legislation bridges the funding gap between early-stage research and the actual procurement of medical countermeasures and is vital in preparing the federal government to protect the public from chemical and biological weapon attacks.

Thank you for the opportunity to contact you. You can also follow my efforts on [YouTube](#) (RepMikeRogers) and [Facebook](#) (Mike J. Rogers). Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,



Mike Rogers
Member of Congress

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