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House Passes Promised Spending Cuts

On Saturday morning, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 1, legislation which cuts \$100 billion from the President's budget and will fund the federal government for the remainder of the 2011 fiscal year. H.R. 1 fulfills one of the promises we made to the American people in the House Republican Pledge to America.

Most federal programs have seen funding increases over the past several years that dramatically outpaced inflation and the average Michigan family's budget increase. With a record \$1.65 trillion budget deficit and a \$14 trillion national debt, I believe that every single program in the federal budget can find efficiencies and waste, and the only responsible course of action is to review every single taxpayer dollar the federal government spends no matter how important the program, including military and intelligence programs. Currently, this legislation awaits action in the Senate.

Rest assured, I will continue to work to reign in the out of control Washington borrowing and spending that is threatening future generation of Americans and hampering job creation.

Intelligence Committee Discusses Worldwide Threats

This month, the House Intelligence Committee, which I chair, held a public hearing on the national security threats facing America. During the Worldwide Threat hearing, I listened to testimony from several key witnesses including the Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Robert Mueller, and Central Intelligence Agency Director Leon Panetta. You can watch the hearing by [clicking here](#).

To watch Ranking Democrat Dutch Ruppersberger and me discuss the Worldwide Threat hearing on CSPAN's Washington Journal program, please [click here](#).

Fighting to Combat Chinese Currency Manipulation

Last week I co-authored legislation to promote fair trade and crack down on illegal Chinese currency manipulation. H.R. 639, the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act, will strengthen the United States in its negotiations with China and allow American manufacturers to compete on a more level playing field. Currency manipulation drives up the cost of American made goods and artificially lowers the cost of foreign goods, costing Michigan thousands of jobs.

The United States must also address Chinese currency manipulation by getting our own budget under control. The process used by the Chinese to manipulate their currency only works because the United States borrows enormous sums of money from China. Our debt held by China now surpasses \$900 billion. If the federal government would balance its budget and live within its means, China's currency policy would become much less effective.

FCC Testifies Regarding Internet Regulation

Last week, members of Federal Communications Commission (FCC), including Chairman Julius Genachowski, testified about proposed Internet regulations before the Energy and Commerce Committee's Communication and Technology subcommittee, of which I am a member.

As you may know, the FCC has moved to adopt new Internet regulation rules which would give the federal government unprecedented power to regulate the Internet. I am opposed to such regulation by the FCC and believe that keeping government regulators away from the Internet has been vital to the rapid innovation and the growth of the Internet.

To watch me question the FCC members over how their order's impact, please [click here](#).

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
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