



Action Alert

We Need Your Help Today on this Time Sensitive Issue!

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“Cut, Cap, and Balance!”

America is fast approaching a defining moment in history, and we can lay the foundation for a more stable and prosperous nation by supporting the passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment (BBA). We have just one month before the debt limit “deadline” approaches on August 2, and in that time we must put America back on track to fiscal responsibility by promoting and passing a bill that **cuts, caps, and balances** the federal budget.

After House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA) and Senate Minority Whip John Kyl (R-AZ) removed themselves from the “closed door” negotiations with Vice President Joe Biden, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced that he would bring a BBA vote to the floor the week of July 17. Leader Cantor announced that the BBA will receive a House vote the week of July 25. Leaders in the House and Senate have requested constituents to voice strong support for the pledge across the nation.

Currently, several groups, including CNP Action, Inc., have supported the [Cut, Cap, Balance Pledge](#). As a signer of this pledge, citizens and legislators refuse to support an increase in the debt ceiling unless all three of the following conditions are 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 a balanced budget.
3. **Balance** - Congressional passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, but only if it includes both a spending limitation and a super-majority for raising taxes, in addition to balancing revenues and expenses.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) **Sign the pledge:** www.cutcapbalancepledge.com.
- 2) **Call and urge your elected officials to sign the pledge. Their contact information can be found at www.house.gov and www.senate.gov or call the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.**
- 3) **Share the link to the pledge on your webpage, Facebook, and Twitter.**
- 4) **Activate your networks to sign onto the petition and immediately contact their congressmen.**
- 5) **Share this *Action Alert* with your network.**

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