

C O U N C I L F O R



Thomas A. Schatz
President

October 3, 2011

U.S. Representative
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative,

Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) recently introduced H.R. 3043, which would cap federal spending for two years at the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 level established in the Budget Control Act. On behalf of the more than one million members and supporters of the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW), I urge you to support this legislation.

H.R. 3043 would freeze spending in FY 2013 and 2014 at the FY 2012 spending cap of \$1.043 trillion. The legislation would reduce the discretionary spending limit by \$4 billion in 2013 and \$23 billion in 2014, producing a total of \$27 billion in savings. Rep. Blackburn's bill is a step in the right direction toward reducing the deficit.

At a time when the national debt has ballooned to more than \$14.8 trillion, Congress must tighten its belt and begin getting the nation's fiscal house in order. I strongly urge you to support Rep. Blackburn's legislation. All votes on H.R. 3043 will be among those considered in CCAGW's *2011 Congressional Ratings*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Schatz". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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