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## **Conservatives: “Nussle Budget Blueprint Moves in the Right Direction, but More Spending Cuts Needed”**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Members of the House Republican Study Committee (RSC), a caucus of more than 80 House conservatives, responded to Budget Chairman Jim Nussle’s Budget Blueprint.

Rep. Pat Toomey (R-PA), Chairman of the RSC Budget Task Force stated, "The Budget outlined by Chairman Nussle is certainly a good start, however it assumes federal spending growth well above the rate of inflation and that's too much spending. That is like eating more to lose weight. It's about time we head on down to Weight Watchers and learn how to control our appetite to spend."

Rep. Sue Myrick (R-NC), Chairman of the RSC, added, “The Budget outlined by Chairman Nussle is certainly headed in the right direction, but quite frankly, we need to cut spending even further. Under the Chairman’s proposal overall spending continues to grow and while the modest restraint proposed by the Chairman is remarkable in comparison to recent trends in government spending, the fact is in times of deficits with pressing priorities, including the possible war with Iraq and Homeland Security, we need to reduce all nonessential federal spending, both discretionary and mandatory. America’s families are tightening their budgets, as are many States and localities, why should the federal government be any different?”

This year the RSC will again prepare an alternative Budget that will propose even more reductions in spending than the Budget outlined by Chairman Nussle.

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