

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

More than a year ago, the House began discussing the components of a reconciliation package that will reduce the deficit, secure our border, keep taxes low for families and job creators, reestablish American energy dominance, restore peace through strength, and make government more efficient and accountable to the American people. We are now one step closer to achieving those goals.

Today, the Senate passed its version of the budget resolution. Next week, the House will consider the Senate amendment.

**Adopting the Senate’s amendment to the House resolution will allow us to finally begin the most important phase of this process: drafting the reconciliation bill that will deliver on President Trump’s agenda and our promises to the American people.**

There are several key things to remember as we move forward:

- 1) The budget resolution is not the law itself, but only the necessary kickoff for reconciliation to begin.
- 2) The Senate amendment as passed makes **NO CHANGES** to the *House* reconciliation instructions that we voted for just weeks ago. Although the Senate chose to take a different approach on its instructions, the amended resolution in **NO WAY** prevents us from achieving our goals in the final reconciliation bill.
- 3) We have and will continue to make it clear in all discussions with the Senate and the White House that—in order to secure House passage—the final reconciliation bill must include historic spending reductions while protecting essential programs.
- 4) After close consultation with President Trump and Majority Leader Thune, we all agree that the “One Big Beautiful Bill” must be drafted using a collaborative process that results in a single product that both chambers can pass, and President Trump can sign into law. We have made it clear the House will **NOT** accept nor participate in an “us versus them” process resulting in a take it or leave it proposition from the Senate.
- 5) Immediately following House adoption of the budget resolution, our House and Senate committees will begin preparing together their respective titles of the reconciliation bill to be marked up in the next work period. As always, this will involve input from all Members and will keep us on track to send a bill to the President’s desk by Memorial Day.

With the debt limit X-date approaching, border security resources diminishing, markets unsettled, and the largest tax increase on working families looming, time is of the essence. As President Trump [said](#), “*Every Republican, House and Senate, must UNIFY.*”

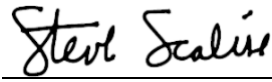
The American people are counting on us, and failure is not an option. Let’s get this job done!

Sincerely,



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Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House



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Steve Scalise  
Majority Leader



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Tom Emmer  
Majority Whip



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Lisa McClain  
Conference Chairwoman