



## OPPOSE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

June 1, 2011

Dear Judiciary Committee Member:

The 123 organizations below have urged Congress to reject any effort to impose a Constitutional balanced budget amendment.

The Committee is marking up H.J. Res. 1, an amendment to the Constitution that would require a balanced budget every year, regardless of the state of the economy. This is an extremely draconian and unwise proposal that would require the largest budget cuts or tax increases precisely when the economy is at its weakest, tipping a struggling economy into a recession and keeping it there for a protracted period of time. It would also require massive cuts to vital programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. It should be resoundingly opposed by lawmakers as a free standing proposal or as an element of raising the debt ceiling.

For these reasons, we urge you to oppose H.J. Res. 1 or any other balanced budget amendment. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Randhava, Senior Counsel at The Leadership Conference, at 202-466-6058.

Sincerely,

9to5, National Association of Working Women  
AFL-CIO  
All Education Matters  
Alliance for Retired Americans  
American Association of People with Disabilities  
American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE)  
American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO  
American Network of Community Options and Resources  
The Arc of the United States  
Asian American Justice Center, a member of the Asian American Center for Advancing Justice  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law  
Campaign for America's Future  
Campaign for Community Change  
CenterLink: The Community of LGBT Centers  
Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR)  
CFED, Corporation for Enterprise Development  
Children Now  
Children's Defense Fund

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Coalition on Human Needs  
Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism  
Committee for Education Funding  
Communications Workers of America (CWA)  
Community Action Partnership  
Dēmos  
Direct Care Alliance  
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund  
Easter Seals  
Equal Justice Society  
Families USA  
Family Equality Council  
Farmworker Justice  
Food Research and Action Center  
Friends of the Earth  
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network  
Health & Disability Advocates  
Health Care for America Now  
International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of  
America (UAW)  
Japanese Americans Citizens League  
Jewish Funds for Justice  
Jewish Labor Committee  
Latinos for a Secure Retirement  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
League of Women Voters of the U.S.  
Legal Momentum  
Mental Health America  
Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund (MBELDEF)  
NAACP  
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.  
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd  
National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.  
National AIDS Housing Coalition  
National Alliance on Mental Illness  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum  
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health  
National Association for Hispanic Elderly  
The National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. (NACWC)  
National Association of Human Rights Workers (NAHRW)  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Center for Transgender Equality  
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development



National Community Reinvestment Coalition  
National Congress of American Indians  
National Congress of Black Women, Inc.  
National Council of Jewish Women  
National Council on Independent Living  
National Disability Rights Network  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Fair Housing Alliance  
National Focus on Gender Education  
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Action Fund  
National Health Law Program  
National Immigration Law Center  
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health  
National Legal Aid & Defender Association  
National Low Income Housing Coalition  
National Organization for Women  
National Partnership for Women & Families  
National Priorities Project  
National Senior Citizens Law Center  
National Skills Coalition  
National Urban League  
National Women's Law Center  
NETWORK, A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby  
Not Dead Yet  
The Office of Gender and Racial Justice, RE&WM, GAMC, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
OMB Watch  
Paralyzed Veterans of America  
PHI - Quality Care through Quality Jobs  
Physicians for Social Responsibility  
PolicyLink  
Poverty & Race Research Action Council  
ProgressNow  
Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition (REHDC)  
RESULTS: The Power to End Poverty  
SER- Jobs for Progress National, Inc.  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the U.S.  
Sisters of Mercy Institute Justice Team  
Social Security Works  
South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT)  
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center  
Southern Poverty Law Center  
Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations  
United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries  
United Food and Commercial Workers International Union  
United for a Fair Economy



United States Student Association

United Steelworkers

U.S. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA)

USAction

Voices for Progress

Wider Opportunities for Women

Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church