

Despite our nation's staggering \$14.4 trillion debt, there are many Members of the U.S. House and Senate who want to raise our nation's debt limit without making permanent reforms in our fiscal policies.

That's why fiscally responsible Members like myself have banded together to stop this mess, by signing the ["Cut, Cap Balance"](#) Pledge.

I believe continuing to spend at the current rate will place America on the Road to Ruin. At the same time, I believe that the current debate over raising the debt limit provides a historic opportunity to focus public attention, and then public policy, on a path to a balanced budget and paying down our debt.

I believe that the "Cut, Cap, Balance" plan for substantial spending cuts in FY 2012, a statutory spending cap, and Congressional passage of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution is the minimum necessary precondition to raising the debt limit. The ultimate goal is to get us back to a point where increases in the debt limit are no longer necessary.

See my official pledge [here](#).

Read more about the "Cut, Cap Balance" [plan here](#).