

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Speaker McCarthy,

As a result of your skilled leadership since your consequential election in January, Congressional Republicans have not been so united in decades. This unity is the most dynamic force for positive, transformational change in a Washington that wallows in stagnation and fecklessness. The power of an undivided Republican Party guided by conservative principles cannot be overstated. As you navigate the debt limit debate, you are the steward of this unity and will determine whether it continues to strengthen and places a historic stamp on this Congress or evaporates. We firmly believe the best means to preserve Republican unity is to *deploy it*, and we urge three specific actions.

First, President Biden delayed engagement with Congress for months on the debt ceiling and, now that he is engaging, press reports indicate he is pushing to water down the provisions of the House-passed *Limit, Save, Grow Act* while simultaneously demanding a debt ceiling increase of \$4 trillion or more (well beyond the \$1.5 trillion provided in the House bill). This is outrageous. The American people expect us to fight on behalf of every policy in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* – each of which was adopted purposefully to create economic growth while minimizing the damaging inflationary consequences of reckless spending. In response to the President’s preposterous position, **we encourage you to add additional provisions to the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* such as the inclusion of the recently passed *Secure the Border Act* and the end to funding for the FBI’s massive (larger than the Pentagon) new headquarters.**

Second, we urge you to lead Republicans in deflating the manufactured crisis of the June 1, 2023 “X-date,” on which Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has arbitrarily declared – without supporting documentation or data – to be the date of a debt ceiling breach. The credibility of her projection suffers not only from its manipulative timing but also from Yellen’s spectacular prior failures to recognize our severe and lasting inflation while serving as Treasury Secretary and her refusal or inability to avert its development while serving as Federal Reserve Chair. As House Financial Services Chairman Patrick McHenry (R-NC) rightly observed: “I want to trust the Treasury’s math, but they’re going to have to show their work. And if the White House team doesn’t have a sense of urgency... then that raises more questions – valid questions – about how they justify the date.” We agree. Any conversations regarding the debt ceiling require full transparency. **Since Secretary Yellen will not testify in the House until June 7, we should demand publicly and in your negotiations that the Treasury immediately furnish a complete justification of the June 1 projection and the exact fiscal situation expected thereafter, including Treasury’s payment prioritization plan.**

Third, as the White House remains unwilling to support the House’s commonsense legislation to raise the debt ceiling and put us on a path to fiscal sanity, we should take immediate steps to lift the threat of a June 1 “X-date.” **We urge you to combine two of the most popular provisions**

of the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* – clawing back unspent COVID funds and repealing Democrats’ funding for 87,000 new IRS agents – and move them swiftly through the House as a standalone measure that enables us to extend the “X-date” through June. Furthermore, this would (1) relieve the time pressure surrounding the “X-date;” (2) allow the public to assess Yellen’s projections with full transparency; and (3) enable the House to advance FY2024 appropriations in-line with the FY2022 topline discretionary level set forth in the *Limit, Save, Grow Act*.

House Republicans have done our duty in passing the *Limit, Save, Grow Act* and you were repeatedly rebuffed in your attempts to bring President Biden to the negotiating table. Despite claiming he would be “blameless,” President Biden is entirely responsible for any breach in the debt ceiling, period.

Mr. Speaker, the only hope for transformative change in Washington comes from a unified House Republican Conference. You have that. We are behind you. Use our unity to make history.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Chip Roy (TX-21)

Rep. Bob Good (VA-05)

Rep. Lauren Boebert (CO-03)

Rep. Andy Biggs (AZ-05)

Rep. Dan Bishop (NC-08)

Rep. Josh Brecheen (OK-02)

Rep. Ken Buck (CO-04)

Rep. Tim Burchett (TN-02)

Rep. Eric Burlison (MO-07)

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Rep. Eli Crane (AZ-02)

Rep. Warren Davidson (OH-08)

Rep. Scott DesJarlais (TN-04)

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