



FY2023 Republican Study Committee Budget – What They’re Saying

Kevin Roberts, Ph.D. President of The Heritage Foundation: “The Republican Study Committee, led by my friends Chairman Jim Banks and the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force Chair Kevin Hern, have put forward an important Blueprint to Save America. This budget addresses America’s most pressing challenges, by getting spending and inflation under control, protecting life, securing our borders, standing up to China, and more. The RSC is going on offense, setting the tone for what conservative must do when the people take back control.”

Jessica Anderson, Executive Director, Heritage Action for America: "In recent years, the American people have been subjected to out-of-control federal spending that's led to record-setting inflation and debt levels. However, there is still hope as the RSC has taken the initiative to draft its own budget — a basic task that the Left has declined to engage in. If enacted, the RSC budget would lead America down a path of much needed fiscal conservatism and we applaud Chairman Banks and Congressman Hern for leading the charge to get our fiscal house in order."

Adam Brandon, President, FreedomWorks: “We applaud the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force and Chairman Jim Banks for releasing the only comprehensive budget for the Fiscal Year 2023. This budget balances, cuts \$2 trillion in taxes over ten years and implements reforms that will turn our country back toward the values and principles that have made us the freest and most prosperous nation in history. We desperately need selfless and bold leadership in Washington to empower individuals and pare back the government. The RSC budget does exactly this by outlining a positive vision for the future of our nation through free markets, decentralization of power, and choice.”

Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform: “The RSC’s budget proposes commonsense, pro-growth tax cuts: making the individual tax cuts in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, indexing the capital gains tax to inflation, eliminating the death tax, and creating universal savings accounts. These policies will strengthen the economy and reduce the tax burden on the middle class. They also draw a stark contrast with the tax hikes and wasteful spending demanded by President Biden and Congressional Democrats.”

Tony Perkins, President, Family Research Council: “I am thankful to my friend and RSC Chairman Jim Banks, Rep. Kevin Hern, and the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force team for producing a budget that goes beyond just fiscal responsibility. The RSC Budget seeks to support marriage and family as well as prevent taxpayers from funding abortion, experimentation on children, woke education, or the denigration of the Constitution and our First Freedom.”

Paul Teller, Executive Director, Advancing American Freedom and RSC alumni: Advancing American Freedom (AAF) praises the heroic efforts of the Republican Study Committee (RSC) in its annual development of a conservative budget proposal. Unlike President Biden’s unconscionable budget request (the largest in history, calling for an endless future of trillion-dollar deficits), the RSC budget would cut taxes, balance the budget, unleash economic growth, and advance freedom in America. The RSC budget is explicitly modeled on the successes of the Trump-Pence administration, as amplified in the Freedom Agenda, both of which offer the country a clear path to a bright American future. AAF hopes that all Members of Congress will be given the opportunity to show on the record where they stand on this important plan to save America.

Family Policy Alliance: “We applaud the great leadership of the Republican Study Committee in their work to create a budget that not only addresses the National Debt, but is also a vision to ensure taxpayer dollars protect preborn children, family values, and First Amendment principles. American taxpayers deserve to see their money preserve freedom and family values for generations to come.”

James Carter, Director, America First Policy Institute’s Center for American Prosperity: “All-too-often, Washington, D.C. is where good ideas go to die. Not this time. One finds a plethora of good ideas in the RSC’s latest budget proposal, from slashing federal spending to restoring America’s fiscal solvency and promoting prosperity.”

Tom Schatz, President, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste: “By balancing the federal budget and reducing the national debt, the Republican Study Committee budget takes a critical step toward restoring fiscal sanity to Washington. American families are facing decades-high prices for everyday essential items caused by the government’s fiscal promiscuity. This budget should be approved by Congress to prevent the nation from falling over the fiscal cliff.”

Roy Beck, President, NumbersUSA Education & Research Foundation: "The RSC Budget contains a sweeping but practical blueprint for immigration policies that would provide a fairer playing field for American wage-earners and would begin to narrow current economic disparities that are destabilizing our society. The greatest beneficiaries would be Americans of all races and ethnicities in the economic underclass. The many specific line items truly justify the authors' claim to "prioritize American workers, help grow our middle class, raise wages, and enhance economic opportunity for all lawful residents." Adoption of the budget proposals would create conditions that should result in bringing back into the job market millions of Americans who have abandoned it, or been abandoned by it. And they would remove barriers to the aspirations of American students in many careers. Most of the provisions are not speculative in that they either have been proven effective in the past or have been recommended by a succession of federal commissions over the last half-century. They would greatly reduce the illegal foreign worker competition by eliminating the major incentives for foreign citizens to enter the country illegally or to overstay their visas. And the budget provisions, if implemented by a President, would end the chaos at our borders. If adopted in full, the immigration budget items would be one of the greatest steps ever taken by Congress for a more equitable and harmonious society."

RJ Hauman, head of government relations and communications at the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR): “The Republican Study Committee’s (RSC) Fiscal Year 2023 budget blueprint correctly recognizes that the border crisis continues to threaten national security, public health, wage levels, employment security, and poses unsustainable strains on government resources. As FAIR has long noted, every immigration policy decision by the federal government must serve the interests of

American citizens, families, and workers. The RSC understands this, while the party in power does not. FAIR applauds Chairman Banks, Budget and Spending Task Force Chairman Hern, and the entire RSC membership for their leadership on the immigration issue amid a historic crisis. Republican leaders and the entire conference should take note of what this blueprint contains going into the 118th Congress. They will have a mandate to immediately legislate unflinchingly, and must ensure that our immigration laws protect and serve the interests of the American people as they were meant to do.”

SBA Pro-Life America: "The Republican Study Committee has released its strongest pro-life budget yet. With the leadership of Reps. Jim Banks and Kevin Hern, this budget supports 23 life-affirming federal policies that would protect unborn babies with beating hearts, safeguard women’s health from mail-order abortion drugs, and much more. This is a stark contrast to Biden’s budget proposal that pushes abortion on demand until the moment of birth, paid for by the taxpayer. We thank all our pro-life Republican allies standing strong against pro-abortion extremism.”

Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life Action: “As representatives of the American people, it is vital that our legislators responsibly utilize taxpayer dollars, particularly to protect the rights of the American people. Chief among these is the right to life, which is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Students for Life Action is grateful for the leadership of the Republican Study Committee and Chairman Banks, who have boldly and unapologetically advocated for the right to life in this budget and other policy proposals. The majority of Americans want significant restrictions on abortion and oppose the federal government using their taxpayer dollars to pay for the killing of innocent preborn children. It’s time the pro-abortion Democrats catch up with the rest of modern society and cease their advocacy for the genocide of human babies.”

Stand for America: “RSC’s budget offers real solutions and relief for American families suffering from liberals’ reckless spending. From balancing the budget and ending earmarks to cutting taxes and reducing regulations, the RSC budget shows that conservatives are ready to lead in lessening the burden on American taxpayers and protecting future generations from America’s unsustainable debt.”

Alfredo Ortiz, CEO, Job Creators Network: "The RSC's budget is exactly what small businesses and ordinary Americans need right now to help counteract the worst outcomes of bad public policies enacted and proposed by the Biden Administration and Congressional Democrats. The RSC's budget ends reckless spending that's fueling the inflationary fire that's reducing American living standards. It pursues widespread deregulation to allow small businesses and jobseekers to pursue the American Dream. It makes the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, giving small business owners peace of mind that they won't face another massive cost shock in the years ahead. And it implements personalized healthcare reforms along the lines of Job Creators Network's Healthcare for You framework that will reduce crippling healthcare costs burdening employers and families. The RSC's pro-small business and pro-economy budget stands in stark contrast to Democrats' big-government approach that will only worsen stagflation and bring about a painful recession. This budget sets the stage for a return of the shared economic prosperity the country enjoyed between 2017 and 2019."

James Edwards, Executive Director, [Conservatives for Property Rights](#): “From a property rights perspective, there’s a lot to like about the Republican Study Committee’s FY23 budget, the Blueprint to Save America. On behalf of Conservatives for Property Rights, I commend the RSC’s proposal to put sound budgetary and fiscal measures on the table. Instead of ‘Build Back Broker,’ the RSC budget would repair America’s fiscal foundation and empower people. It’s a brilliant blueprint for addressing America’s urgent problems. Big picture, the RSC budget would reduce the federal deficit, lower the

punishing 'tax' of inflation and put the government on a path to a balanced budget. RSC's plan would help ensure that Medicare and Social Security are there for seniors in their retirement years who've paid into them and qualify as beneficiaries. Regarding property rights, RSC's budget would repeal the Death Tax, which takes already taxed assets that families need for small businesses and bills. The plan would halt federal land grabs, freezing public lands at the current 28 percent. It would restore Fifth Amendment protections to eminent domain. GIG Act provisions would protect independent-contractor status. In contrast to 'Build Back Worser's' tax increases and overregulation, this budget would make permanent the 2017 tax cuts so individuals, families and small businesses could keep more of what they earn. By reducing regulatory burdens, strengthening Congress's oversight and constraint of federal agencies, and scaling back the Administrative State, RSC would spark free enterprise and American ingenuity. It would bind bureaucrats and grow the economic pie. To bolster U.S. industrial competitiveness, the RSC budget would secure our supply chains and increase domestic manufacturing. It would increase R&D and capital expensing and decrease the tax burden on U.S.-based facilities. To improve health care, RSC would free up health coverage design, promote consumer choice and competition, and oppose government price controls on innovators."

R Street Institute: "Today, the Republican Study Committee (RSC), released their "Blueprint to Save America," a legislative framework aimed at reducing the burden of government on individuals and the economy. Decades of overspending and unwillingness to make tough choices have spurred massive debts and deficits that have placed a growing stranglehold on our prosperity. R Street Institute experts respond to key priorities below that could help reverse this disastrous course."

Jonathan Bydlak, Director, Governance Program, R Street Institute – on Entitlement and Budget Reforms: "In a time of high inflation and continued budget deficits, it's encouraging to see the RSC working to get our fiscal house in order. We must tackle the short-term spending that is feeding higher prices, as well as reform the structural problems that threaten our long-term fiscal solvency. I applaud the RSC for presenting a number of policy solutions to address these problems, including entitlement reforms, the rescinding of unused appropriations and increased transparency over spending decisions."

Shoshana Weissmann, Senior Manager of Digital Media, Communications & Fellow, R Street Institute - on Reducing Barriers to Employment: "We always appreciate the RSC focusing on occupational licensing reform in their reports. For years, they have been finding new ways to decrease the harm that unnecessary or overly burdensome licenses pose to Americans."

Philip Rossetti, Resident Senior Fellow, Energy Program, R Street Institute – on Energy and Regulatory Reforms: "You can only cut pollution as fast as you can build new energy and infrastructure to replace the old. A focus on cutting red tape is always welcome, as regulatory inefficiency is one of the biggest barriers to clean energy growth today. Putting a priority on regulatory clarity and improving timelines can help reduce energy costs and pave the way for cleaner energy."

Nan Swift, Fellow, Governance Program, R Street Institute – on Reducing Wasteful Spending and Increasing Accountability: "RSC has laid out clear options for significant reforms to costly and distortive subsidies and spending that too often provide the most benefit to those who need it the least. In addition to rooting out blatantly wasteful programs, such as the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) catfish inspection program, the plan also identifies key opportunities for reining in executive branch overreach and increasing congressional oversight from the USDA Commodity Credit Corporation to national emergency declarations."

Greg Sindelar, Chief Executive Officer, Texas Public Policy Foundation: “Fiscal insanity in D.C. is driving our republic further towards insolvency and higher inflation making things harder for families and small businesses. We commend the Republican Study Committee for its Blueprint to Save America that includes key reforms by the Texas Public Policy Foundation which will help reverse this trend and improve the economic situation for hard-working Americans.”

Vance Ginn, Ph.D., Chief Economist, Texas Public Policy Foundation and former Associate Director for Economic Policy at the White House’s Office of Management and Budget: “We applaud the Republican Study Committee for its Blueprint to Save America that provides a sound path toward fiscal sanity in D.C. by following much of the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s responsible spending approach which has worked well in states like Texas. And by reforming safety nets, helping build social capital, and reducing benefits cliffs, as championed by the Alliance for Opportunity, Congress can achieve a Responsible American Budget and empower people to achieve self-sufficiency.”

Center for a Free Economy: “The Republican Study Committee this week will unveil their annual alternative budget. Most of the attention is rightly focused on the spending side of the ledger, which is good since we have an over-spending problem driving America’s debts and deficits in the 21st century. But it’s the tax side that has us excited...The tax reform package the RSC budget proposes is good for economic growth, job creation, family budgets, and fighting inflation on the supply side.... If Congress were to adopt this modest but powerful tax reform plan--which builds upon and completes the work started by Congressional Republicans in 2017 with the passage of the TCJA--it would mean faster economic growth, higher productivity, more business fixed investment, more jobs, higher income, and less inflation.”