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AMASH ISSUES STATEMENT AFTER HOUSE DEBT VOTE
REPRESENTATIVE VOTES AGAINST HOUSE'S BUDGET CONTROL ACT

Washington, D.C. – Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) issued the following statement after the vote on the House's Budget Control Act of 2011:

“As I have said consistently since before I was a Representative in Congress, I will not consider voting to raise the federal government's debt ceiling unless the vote is tied to fundamental reform such as a repeal of the President's onerous healthcare legislation or passage of a well-structured balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

“I am open to a compromise that includes some of the elements of the House and Senate plans, but it must also include structural reforms that actually would pull us back from the government's looming fiscal crisis.

“The House's Budget Control Act raises the government's debt ceiling by \$900 billion but requires no structural reforms and only \$25 billion in cuts next year. It includes a mere pledge to pass a balanced budget amendment in exchange for authorizing another \$1.6 trillion of debt next year. The pledge is not binding. It can be ignored at any time.

“It is wrong to continue to burden our children and grandchildren with trillions upon trillions of dollars of debt. Time is up. Congress cannot wait any longer to act responsibly and begin to address its addiction to reckless spending.”

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