

Watchdog Group Blasts Spending “Compromise” Deal

WASHINGTON, D.C. –Today, the White House and congressional leaders agreed on a “compromise” budget deal that raises spending levels across-the-board and suspends the debt ceiling limit until 2021. The Taxpayers Protection Alliance (TPA) promptly criticized the decision to increase debt across the government, citing the growing burden facing future generations of taxpayers.

TPA President David Williams lambasted the agreement between Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), noting, “for decades, Republican and Democratic lawmakers and multiple White House administrations have bankrupted the country while pursuing fiscally irresponsible ideas. Even as Republicans and Democrats criticize domestic and Pentagon spending, they’re content with continued increases contained in this agreement. Officials’ inability to get a handle on the deficit and debt is a disservice to taxpayers across the country, and unfair to future generations that will have to pay down the \$22 trillion debt.”

Williams continued: “To add insult to injury, lawmakers and the White House agreed to suspend the debt ceiling altogether until July 31, 2021. This reckless move gives the federal government the green light to request and approve as many wasteful programs as possible over the next two years, without bearing any fiscal responsibility whatsoever. This irresponsible buck-passing will embolden the Pentagon to continue its wasteful, unnecessary F-35 program, and keep federal subsidies flowing to large, successful agri-businesses. The American people have had enough of these shenanigans as ‘leadership’ continues to recklessly spend without reform and accountability.”

Williams concluded: “For lawmakers and White House officials looking to save taxpayers’ money instead of growing the federal debt, there’s no shortage of sensible spending reform ideas. For example:

- the Heritage Foundation’s [‘Blueprint for Balance’](#) lists \$10.8 trillion in potential savings over the next decade.
- Sen. James Lankford’s (R-Ok.) annual [‘Federal Fumbles’](#) report outlines \$4.7 trillion in potential savings over the next decade.

These reports detail trillions of dollars in potential savings, and provide a welcome alternative to the broken status-quo in Washington, D.C. For taxpayers and future generations’ sake, lawmakers and the White House should ditch their ‘compromise’ and adopt these solutions to get spending under control.”

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