

Coffman: "Budget Evidence That President's Rhetoric Doesn't Meet Reality"

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) released the following statement after President Obama announced a record high \$3.8 trillion budget proposal for fiscal year 2011:

"I am deeply disappointed that just a few days after speaking with my Republican colleagues and I about fiscal responsibility and deficit reduction the president has submitted a budget to Congress that amounts to more of the same reckless and unsustainable fiscal policies."

"No longer can this president point fingers at the previous administration for the deficit and skyrocketing national debt. Undoubtedly, the Bush administration was irresponsible but in just two years this administration has piled \$4.5 trillion on to our national debt. In eight years under the previous administration the debt grew \$4.9 trillion. Leadership is not pointing fingers, it's solving problems."

"If the president is serious about providing leadership to solve our nation's fiscal crisis, I hope he has another plan. You cannot lecture that we must stop spending out of one side of your mouth and simultaneously announce a budget that has a \$1.56 trillion deficit from the other side of your mouth."

"Announcing \$20 billion in cuts to fix a \$1.56 trillion deficit is laughable. Even with a brand-new trillion dollar tax increase, this proposal leaves us with a record deficit. My Republican colleagues and I support strict budget caps which would limit spending and I hope the president considers this and other Republican solutions. The president's spending freeze, "PAYGO", and his executive deficit commission are all red herrings which the administration will use to justify a tax increase. This administration has announced the budget is not a partisan budget, but a "common sense" budget. After reviewing this proposal it is clear the president's meaning of common sense is vastly different from the American people's definition."

"I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to reduce the deficit and bring more accountability and fiscal responsibility to the 2011 budget."

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