



AT A GLANCE

The Compact For America Balanced Budget does things no other balanced budget measure can accomplish — and can get the job done in as little as 18 months:

- Locks in a debt ceiling
- Gives states a voice in future debt decisions
- Requires two-thirds approval in both houses of Congress for most tax increases
- Achieves the permanence of constitutional reform with zero risk of a multi-topic, runaway convention

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Debt — our nation's debt — is the worst form of government immorality: An insidious tax on our children and grandchildren. Washington has run up the tab for years, hobbling every man, woman and child in America, and there's no sign the borrowing is going to stop unless we do something. **So let's do something. Together. Starting now.**

WHAT WILL SHE SAY IF WE STEAL HER FUTURE?

The Compact For America Balanced Budget Initiative lets states do what Congress can't: Right our fiscal ship.

A legislative package, passed by 38 states and consented to by Congress, would limit future debt, require two-thirds approval in both houses of Congress for most tax increases and, crucially, require Washington to gain approval from a majority of state legislatures if it wants to raise the debt ceiling.

All enshrined in the Constitution. All done with a 24-hour, single-issue gathering of states that completely eliminates fears of a runaway constitutional convention.

Already, several states — with leaders who recognize we cannot turn our backs on our children's future — have passed the legislation. Won't you join us?


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MORE THAN
\$20 TRILLION
IN DEBT


THAT'S
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COMPACT FOR AMERICA



WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"The Compact for a Balanced Budget is the best vehicle for the most powerful, yet politically plausible federal Balanced Budget Amendment I have seen. I endorse it without hesitation."

GROVER NORQUIST, AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

"(T)he Compact's amendment is remarkably resistant to evasion. It would use the Constitution's Article V to move the nation back toward the limited government the Constitution's Framers thought their document guaranteed."

GEORGE WILL, OPINION WRITER, WASHINGTON POST

"I encourage the states to join the Compact for America's interstate compact without delay, and send ... enabling resolution to Congress."

THE HON. LAMAR SMITH, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

"With the states serving as an active board of directors for our wayward federal executive and legislative 'CEOs' and the buck stopping at the President's desk, the Compact for a Balanced Budget would powerfully check and balance Washington's debt addicts."

ILYA SHAPIRO, JD, SENIOR FELLOW IN CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES AND EDITOR, CATO SUPREME COURT REVIEW, CATO INSTITUTE

"The Compact for a Balanced Budget is a viable approach to rein in excessive and unprioritized federal government spending that threatens the legacy of liberty we pass on to subsequent generations of Americans."

**LT. COL. ALLEN B. WEST (RET.)
NATIONAL CENTER FOR POLICY ANALYSIS**

"To stop the insanity of an out-of-control federal government fueled by limitless debt spending, States must unite behind the Compact for a Balanced Budget."

JUDGE ANDREW NAPOLITANO, FOX NEWS CHANNEL

"I support the tenets of the balanced budget amendment drafted by the Compact for America as well as the vehicle it has devised to initiate such an amendment – an interstate compact. It is time to rein in federal spending, and one of the most effective ways to do that would be with the adoption of a balanced budget amendment."

**THE HON. JOHN CULBERSON
MEMBER OF CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS**

"Neither party has shown the courage or backbone to do anything about federal spending and borrowing. They won't - and the institution is inherently incapable of doing so. I now believe a new fiscal constitution is necessary for America. And it will only happen when the people rise up and demand it!"

**STEPHEN MOORE
ECONOMIST, POLICY ANALYST AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED VISITING FELLOW**

"I am now even more confident in the ability of the states to use the Compact approach to making the Article V process safe and certain so that necessary structural constitutional reforms can be achieved on a timely basis."

**JUDGE HAROLD R. DEMOSS, JR. (RET.)
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, FIFTH CIRCUIT**

"I am honored to be part of this significant effort to reign in, by constitutional means, the abuses and excesses of our federal government that has for far too long simply ignored the Constitution's express limits on its power."

**JOHN C. EASTMAN, JD, PHD
HENRY SALVATORI PROFESSOR OF LAW
& COMMUNITY SERVICE, CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY**

"Having fought for Tenth Amendment principles nearly all of my life, I am utterly convinced that the states must unite behind the Compact for a Balanced Budget to check the uncontrolled spending that has been going on in Washington DC for the past three decades."

**FRED KELLY GRANT, FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR
GOLDWATER INSTITUTE SENIOR FELLOW**