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Washington D.C. -- Today, Congressman Hunter joined House Republicans in presenting “A Pledge to America,” a new governing agenda that responsibly addresses some of the major challenges facing America today. The pledge follows months of engagement between Members of Congress and the public through town halls, business tours, individual meetings and the online forum America Speaking Out.

Read “A Pledge to America” in its entirety [here](#) .

The Pledge offers numerous solutions that can be implemented immediately, in addition to outlining basic principles that will continue defining the House Republican agenda moving forward. The following is a brief overview of the Pledge, divided into several parts:

A plan to create jobs and end uncertainty

- Stop job killing tax hikes
- Rein in red tape by requiring Congressional approval of any new federal regulation
- Repeal costly small business mandates in the health care bill

A plan to stop out of control spending

- Roll back spending to pre-stimulus, pre-bailout levels, saving taxpayers \$100 billion for the first year alone
- Establish strict budget caps to limit federal spending
- Impose a hiring freeze on non-security federal employees
- Review every government program to eliminate wasteful and duplicative spending
- End the bailouts
- Cancel TARP
- Reform Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac
- Reform the budget process

A plan to repeal and replace the government takeover of health care

- Enact medical liability reform
- Allow Americans to purchase coverage across state lines
- Empower small business with greater purchasing power
- Create new incentives for future health care needs

A plan to restore the trust

- Require that every bill contain a citation of Constitutional authority
- Give citizens three days to read a bill before a vote
- Create an open floor process

A plan to keep America secure at home and abroad

- Fully fund missile defense
- Enforce sanctions against Iran
- Keep terrorists at Guantanamo Bay
- Secure the border

“The public sentiment that Washington has lost touch with the people it governs has been allowed to carry on for far too long,” said Congressman Hunter. “Americans are demanding a new way forward and this Pledge shows that House Republicans are listening. Our pledge is centered on restoring accountability, strengthening security and putting America back on the path toward prosperity. In doing so, we honor our founding principles and identify a clear vision for the future through meaningful policy solutions. Overall, this agenda puts the American people at the forefront and ensures government works in the best interests of the citizens it serves.”