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WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) today voted against a Democratic proposal to raise the federal debt limit by \$1.9 trillion. This will be the third time Congress has voted to increase the federal debt limit since President Obama took office, and the fifth time in the last two years.

In response to these repeated debt limit increases, Akin today introduced H. Res. 1071, legislation changing the rules of the House of Representatives to require a three-fifths super majority to increase the federal debt limit.

Akin commented:

“With the increase of the debt limit today, Congress has now increased the debt limit three times in one year a total of roughly \$3 trillion. The Administration and Democrats in Congress seem to think that it is better to repeatedly increase our credit limit rather than make tough financial decisions. American families make tough financial decisions every day because they cannot choose to simply increase their credit limit whenever they want to.

“The bill I introduced makes it more difficult for the House to pass a debt limit increase; this would force Congress to make tough budget decisions rather than simply continuing to raise the debt limit. A three-fifths majority is not insurmountable, but would at least make the majority party, whoever it is, think seriously about controlling our federal debt. Our federal debt is out of control and we need to make Congress think twice before raising the debt limit again.”

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