

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (MO-2) today praised the passage of a resolution that funds government operations for the rest of the 2011 fiscal year – and saves taxpayers billions of dollars.

Akin, who is a long time fiscal conservative and advocate of government reform, released the following statement:

“Today’s passage of the CR reflects deep cuts and a step in the right direction.”

“Yet, while the taxpayer savings in this measure are a good start, until we address the problem of unchecked entitlement spending, we continue to face a historic fiscal crisis.

“Forty cents of every dollar we spend is borrowed, and much of that borrowing is from foreign governments. Deficit reduction is no longer about what programs we like and dislike, it is about saving our country from a debt-induced economic disaster.

“It’s time for a budget intervention. I am disappointed that President Obama has ignored the report of his own Fiscal Commission and presented a 2012 budget that fails to take our spending crisis seriously. Should the President and his Democratic colleagues persist in denying the severity of our debt challenges, I am confident our House majority will present an alternative budget that takes them seriously.”