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**Kill the Death Tax. Protect Social Security. Energy Security.**

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The Honorable Daniel Webster  
1019 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Webster:

On behalf of more than seven million senior citizen activists, the 60 Plus Association thanks you for your outstanding leadership in introducing the Prioritize Spending Act of 2011, H.R. 2402.

The 60 Plus Association echoes your resolve to set in motion steps to cut the deficit without adding or raising taxes. We applaud you and all Members of Congress who stay steadfast in your commitment to American seniors by focusing on the need to make reforms and not sell them out in the process.

As Chairman of 60 Plus, I spent months on the road last year, journeying across the nation to meet with taxpayers, families, small business owners and various civic and policy organizations. As we visited almost every state we held town halls and rallies, listening to the concerns of seniors and soon-to-be seniors. Here's what they told us:

- Americans are deeply concerned about the massive consequences of this rampant government spending spree.
- They are worried that the deficit has grown to be the largest since World War II, and fear this federal debt harms their children and compromises their grandchildren's future.
- They want significant cuts in the national debt.
- And, they want to see Congress balance the nation's budget. They have overwhelmingly told me that current budget policy cripples our economic stability and that the biggest threat to national security lies in our debt.

They and their families have had to tighten their belts, and they want the government to do the same. They have said it is not sound financial policy to open up a new credit card when the current one is maxed out. Seniors, and indeed most Americans, don't want to see a budget balanced by increasing taxes or by taking out more loans.

We must not let up for true spending transformations while protecting our priorities. Should we reach the debt limit after ideas to tackle Washington's spending habit have been ignored, we should immediately prioritize spending by paying our debts, funding our military and caring for our seniors by protecting Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Again, we thank you for your leadership on this issue and we will continue to alert our senior citizen activists to the importance of this bill and have them contact their Member of Congress in co-sponsoring your legislation.

Sincerely,



James L. Martin  
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*The 60 Plus Association is a 19-year-old nonpartisan organization working for death tax repeal, saving Social Security, affordable prescription drugs, lowering energy costs and other issues featuring a less government, less taxes approach as well as a strict adherence to the Constitution. 60 Plus calls on support from over 7 million activists. 60 Plus publishes a newsletter, SENIOR VOICE, and a Scorecard, bestowing awards on lawmakers of both parties who vote "pro-senior." 60 Plus has been called, "an increasingly influential senior citizen's group" and since 1992 "the conservative alternative to the AARP."*