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**Statement by OMB Director Rob Portman on the Passage of the
House Motion to Instruct on the Budget**

WASHINGTON – Today, the House of Representatives voted in favor of a Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Budget by a vote of 364-57. OMB Director Rob Portman issued the following statement:

“I was encouraged by today’s strong bipartisan vote in support of balancing the budget without raising taxes.

“The vote is an implicit acknowledgement that the Budget approved by House Democrats was the largest tax increase in history because it did not include the extension of these important tax relief provisions. Plus, it demonstrates that 167 Democrats do not believe that continuing the tax relief must be paired with other tax increases.

“This is a good first step, and we look forward to working with Congress in support of making all tax relief permanent and balancing the budget.”

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