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REPUBLICANS STAND TOGETHER AGAINST OVERSPENDING

WASHINGTON – The House Republican Study Committee has collected 147 signatures in support of sustaining the President’s veto of appropriations bills that spend too much and put at risk deficit reduction and a balanced budget. OMB Director Rob Portman issued the following statement:

“I want to thank the Republican Study Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling, Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Jerry Lewis and the House Republican leadership for fighting against the Democrats’ irresponsible budget that increases discretionary spending by 9 percent – more than three times the rate of inflation.

“The Democrats’ tax and spend budget imposes a huge tax increase on Americans and threatens to bust the budget with big spending increases. In the next week, House Democrats are poised to approve four spending bills that exceed the President’s request by almost \$10 billion. This is just the beginning – Democrats have plans to increase day-to-day government spending by a whopping \$200 billion over the next five years. By contrast, the President’s Budget balances the budget without raising taxes and showing overall spending restraint while investing in national priorities, like national security, education, health and energy.

“The House Republicans’ letter demonstrates a strong force on Capitol Hill is working with the President to protect taxpayer dollars.”

Background: The House of Representatives needs 146 votes, or more than one-third of its Membership, to sustain a presidential veto.

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