2018
FISCAL SUMMIT:
DEBT MATTERS
HOW BIG IS THE PROBLEM?

America’s national debt is historically high and on an unsustainable trajectory. According to the International Monetary Fund, the United States will be the only advanced economy in the world to see its debt-to-GDP ratio grow over the next 5 years. Here are the latest projections:

$1 TRILLION
Return to trillion-dollar annual deficits by 2020.

$7 TRILLION
Interest alone will total $7 trillion over the next decade.

105%
Our debt will rise to 105% of GDP in 2028, the highest since World War II.

$44,933
Current national debt per American.
WHY DOES OUR DEBT MATTER?

Rising debt is a significant risk to our economy, affecting every American’s future. According to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), our high and rising debt threatens to have “serious negative consequences for the budget and the nation.”

- Lower productivity, certainty and economic opportunity.
- Crowding out of public and private investments, which will reduce future economic growth.
- Less fiscal flexibility to respond to unforeseen challenges.
- Higher likelihood of a fiscal crisis in the United States.
- Spending more on interest than on children in less than five years.
- Reduction in 4-person family income by $16,000 in 2047.
Lawmakers have added significantly more debt on top of an already unsustainable trajectory.

Over the course of just a few months, tax and spending measures have made our fiscal outlook considerably worse.

Now, while the economy is strong, it is time to face America’s fiscal challenges anew, and reset our priorities to create the conditions for sustained economic growth and prosperity into the future.

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<th>THEN JUNE 2017</th>
<th>NOW APRIL 2018</th>
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<td>2018 PROJECTED DEFICIT</td>
<td>$563 billion</td>
<td>$805 billion</td>
<td>$243 billion larger deficit</td>
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<td>10-YEAR DEFICIT TOTAL (2018-2027)</td>
<td>$10.1 trillion</td>
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<td>INTEREST COSTS OVER 10 YEARS</td>
<td>$5.6 trillion</td>
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<td>$1 trillion more in interest</td>
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<td>DEBT-TO-GDP RATIO IN 2027</td>
<td>91.2%</td>
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<td>10-YEAR REVENUE TOTAL</td>
<td>$43.0 trillion</td>
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<td>10-YEAR SPENDING TOTAL</td>
<td>$53.1 trillion</td>
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Source: CBO