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Dear Representative Russell Fry,

Thank you very much for submitting my statement on a Balanced Budget Amendment for the record during the House Committee on Judiciary's markup. My statement is as follows.

Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Raskin, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit a Statement for the Record.

Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have consistently supported the addition of a Balanced Budget Amendment to our Constitution. I remain committed to restoring fiscal responsibility to the federal government. For decades, Washington has spent beyond its means, avoided difficult choices, and relied upon borrowing to fund an ever-expanding government. This approach has failed and proven unsustainable. Today, the consequences of overspending are impossible to ignore.

Today, our national debt exceeds \$38 trillion, a level that should alarm every American. That debt continues to grow at an unsustainable pace, with annual deficits approaching \$2 trillion. This is not abstract math. It means higher interest costs, less room to respond to crises, and a heavier burden placed squarely on future generations. Every dollar spent servicing debt is a dollar not spent on national defense, infrastructure, or programs that truly help those in need.

Families, farmers, and small businesses in central Arkansas live within their means. Arkansans make tough decisions every day about priorities, savings, and spending. The federal government should be no different. Spending more than we take in year after year is neither compassionate nor responsible. It is a failure of leadership.

That is why I have been a long-time supporter of a Balanced Budget Amendment. The purpose of a Balanced Budget Amendment is to restore discipline and accountability to a broken budget process. It would force Congress to confront tradeoffs honestly, set clear priorities, and stop treating unlimited borrowing as a substitute for responsible policymaking.

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This issue of restoring fiscal responsibility is long overdue. For too long, Congress has avoided fiscal accountability by passing the costs of today's decisions onto our children and grandchildren. A nation that cannot control its finances ultimately risks losing control of its future, its security, and its prosperity.

As the Committee consider proposals to move us closer to a balanced budget, I believe it is essential that Congress sends a clear message to the American people that Congress is serious about reining in spending, protecting taxpayers, and putting this country on a sustainable fiscal path. I will continue to support efforts that restore fiscal discipline, strengthen our economy, and ensure a stronger future for the next generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration. I stand at the ready to work with the Committee on this issue and efforts to add a Balanced Budget Amendment to our Constitution.