

Hon. Jeb Hensarling (TX-05)
Chairman, Committee on Financial Services
U.S. House of Representatives

First elected to Congress in 2002, Jeb Hensarling is a strong conservative and an outspoken advocate for limited government and unlimited opportunity. He serves as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, where he is a leader promoting consumer choice, competitive markets, and smart regulation in our financial markets. He was the only member of Congress to have introduced comprehensive reform legislation for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac during the credit crisis, lauded in the media as “a concrete plan for fixing Fannie and Freddie.” Jeb was recognized by *The New York Times* for “leading the GOP Vanguard against the Bailout” and was the only member of Congress to have introduced a legislative alternative to TARP during the heart of the credit crisis, which would have minimized taxpayer exposure and the politicization of the market.

A life-long conservative dedicated to advancing the principles of faith, family, free enterprise, and freedom, Jeb was chosen by his colleagues during the 112th Congress to chair the Republican Conference – the fourth highest ranking position in the Republican leadership. Prior to that, Jeb served as Chairman of the Republican Study Committee—the largest conservative caucus in the House. The *Associated Press* recently recognized Jeb’s consistency on conservative issues saying, “he made cutting federal spending, ending earmarks and reducing the size of government his priorities before the tea party came into existence.”

In recognition of his relentless fight to cut wasteful Washington spending and remove barriers to job growth, Jeb was appointed to serve on the Congressional Oversight Panel for TARP, the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, and was most recently appointed co-chairman of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.

Prior to becoming Conference chairman, Jeb served as the number two Republican on the House Budget Committee—under former Chairman Paul Ryan—and has consistently fought to reduce our debt and stop out-of-control Washington spending. He is a co-author of the “Spending, Deficit, and Debt Control Act,” a landmark budget reform bill that was heralded as the “gold standard” of budget enforcement legislation by a coalition of conservative groups, including the Americans for Tax Reform, Citizens United Against Government Waste, Citizens for a Sound Economy, and the National Taxpayer Union. Jeb also authored the “Spending Limit Amendment”—a Constitutional amendment that would limit federal spending to no more than 20% of the economy (the historic average since WWII). For his work to rein in wasteful Washington spending and put our country back on a fiscally sustainable path, the *National Review Online* dubbed him “Rep. Budget Reform,” and *The Dallas Morning News* called him a “truth teller” who “has become one of the most important GOP members of Congress.”

Jeb and his wife Melissa are members of St. Michael and All Angels Church and reside in Dallas with their two children—Claire and Travis.