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SPENDING REDUCTION ACT OF 2011

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Background

On January 20th, Republican Study Committee's Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio introduced a \$2.5 trillion spending reduction plan, which has been named the Spending Reduction Act of 2011. Rep. Jordan has previously proposed massive reductions to spending, most recently with amendment to [H.R. 5850](#). The plan targets 100 programs for cuts. Many of these programs will take multiple years to phase out, which is why the proposal's \$2.5 trillion savings will occur between FY 2012 and FY 2021.

Two months ago, the Heritage Foundation's Brian Riedl published a [paper](#) which similarly outlined programs to cut to reduce the federal budget. The paper outlines 93 programs to cut. Of the cuts in Riedl's plan, 33% are also found with the same capacity within the Spending reduction Act of 2011. Due to this, it is probable that the Spending Reduction Act of 2011 was partially inspired by Riedl's paper.

Beach Replenishment Funding

The Spending Reduction Act of 2011 proposes that beach replenishment funding be cut. The letter does not highlight the specific funding source, but it is most likely referring to the Army Corps of Engineers budget. In the prior-mentioned paper by Riedl, beach replenishment funding was similarly targeted, with the source explicitly stated as the Army Corps of Engineers.

Supporters

The Spending Reduction Act of 2011 has been supported by only a small number of representatives so far. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor has publically announced [support](#) for the spirit of the letter, but not necessarily the individual cuts proposed, including the elimination of beach replenishment funding. Cosponsors of the plan include: Rep. Scott Garrett, Rep. John Campbell, Rep. Mick Mulvaney, Rep. Tom McClintock, Rep. Jeff Flake, and freshmen Reps. Joe Walsh and James Lankford.