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## U.S. Congressman **Paul Ryan** 2011 Constituent Update & Issue Summary

*Congress continues to work on issues affecting you, and I want to keep you up to date. For more information on any of the issues listed in the summary below, please return the attached card. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.*

### **ECONOMY & JOBS**

Our economy continues to struggle and unemployment remains high. We have the second highest corporate tax rate in the developed world, putting U.S. workers at a disadvantage in an increasingly competitive global economy. Congress needs to pass legislation that encourages job creation by keeping taxes low, controlling government spending and addressing our mounting national debt.

### **TAXES**

Since January 2009, as Wisconsin has struggled with economic uncertainty and a high unemployment rate, taxpayers have been shouldered with \$670 billion of tax increases (\$2,100 for every man, woman and child in the U.S.) and \$2.1 trillion in new government spending. Instead of chasing higher spending with ever-higher taxes, Congress needs to make our tax code fair, competitive and simple. Unfortunately, our current tax system fails to address these critical points.

### **ENERGY**

America's economic well-being depends on maintaining a strong energy supply. Congress must act on legislation that opens federal lands for energy exploration, recognizes the importance of alternative energy, streamlines the outdated regulatory process for clean technologies, and avoids hitting our economy with new taxes and mandates.

### **VETERANS & MILITARY**

We owe a continuing debt of gratitude to our nation's veterans, and our thanks can be expressed in large part by the care provided to them upon the completion of their service. I am dedicated to providing the best possible benefits to our veterans and current service members.

### **WAR ON TERRORISM**

The federal government has no greater responsibility than to remain vigilant in defense of freedom and democracy, and it must continue to meet the difficult challenges associated with the War on Terrorism. We have made great strides against Al-Qaeda recently and rest assured that our nation's security and the safety of our brave men and women in uniform remain a top priority of mine.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY**

The safety and security of our nation's homeland remains a critical mission of the federal government. As Chairman of the House Budget Committee, I will continue to ensure that those working tirelessly on our behalf are provided the resources they need to keep America safe.

### **SOCIAL SECURITY**

Social Security provides vital financial support for nearly 54 million seniors, widows and those with disabilities. Unfortunately, Social Security faces a \$6.5 trillion deficit over the next 75 years. With 10,000 "Baby Boomers" retiring each day, it is essential that we work to preserve the programs seniors depend on. We can protect benefits for those 55 and older and give future seniors a program they can count on.

### **MEDICARE**

The Medicare Trustees predict that Medicare's hospital benefit account will go bankrupt in 2024—five years earlier than was estimated just last year. With a system that provides more help for the poor and the sick, and less for the wealthy, Congress can preserve America's promise to retirees by protecting Medicare for those 55 and older, while strengthening it for future generations.

### **HEALTH CARE**

Businesses, policy experts and government actuaries continue to confirm what the country already suspected: the President's health care law spends trillions of dollars that we don't have, raises taxes on workers, businesses and families, and puts the federal government in the middle of health-care decisions. The House-passed budget repeals the job-killing new law, while protecting the health and retirement security of those who need it most.

### **IMMIGRATION**

Failure to pass comprehensive reform to fix our broken immigration system threatens national security and undermines economic stability. I will continue to advocate for common sense reforms, including strong border security provisions, an enforceable guest worker program, a secure employee verification system, and a system that doesn't reward illegal behavior, but provides fair treatment for all immigrants.

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## Priority Number One: Job Creation & Economic Growth

My top priority is addressing the economic hardships of those who are out of work, underemployed, or struggling to make ends meet. Regrettably, when Washington tries to micromanage our economy with more taxing, spending and borrowing, we end up with less economic growth and fewer good-paying jobs.

Having toured 226 businesses across Southern Wisconsin, employers have made clear to me their concerns with government-created economic uncertainty. Job creators are unable to grow because of Washington's misguided policies on taxes, regulations, energy and health care.

I believe a bipartisan agreement can be reached on reforming our tax code. Our tax system should be simple, fair and competitive, yet it fails on all three counts.

In Wisconsin, 9 out of 10 businesses file their taxes under the individual tax code—not the corporate tax code. Under the President's policies, the top individual rate will increase to 44.8% in less than 14 months—far higher when you add state and local taxes. As competitors like Canada, Britain and China are lowering top tax rates down to 15%, 22% and 25% respectively, the President's insistence on raising taxes on job creators will put us at a further disadvantage in the global economy.

The broken tax code is rigged with loopholes designed to benefit the well-connected at the expense of everybody else. I have proposed tax reform that would lock in lower tax rates, close these loopholes, and level the playing field for all.

Pro-growth tax reform is among 22 House-passed bills that focus on job creation, and I remain hopeful that the Senate and the President will join our effort.

## Fixing Washington's Broken Budget & Tackling the Drivers of Debt

Washington continues to spend money it doesn't have on government programs that don't work.

During the first two years that President Obama has been in office, government agency budgets have increased 24% —an astounding 84% when the \$1.1 trillion failed "stimulus" is added on top.

More troubling yet, the Senate has failed to pass a budget for over 900 days, resulting in trillions of dollars in new spending without any priorities. All of this new spending has failed to deliver on its promise to create jobs, as the unemployment rate remains stuck at 9%, higher in many parts of Wisconsin.

The federal government is borrowing 43¢ of every dollar it spends, with nearly half of this money coming from foreign competitors such as China. The amount that the government owes to hard-working Americans through entitlement programs is nearing \$100 trillion and growing larger each year we fail to act. Clearly, Congress is making empty promises that betray our seniors and future retirees. The debt overhang stifles economic growth and job creation today, and threatens to give the next generation a diminished future.

My parents taught me that you are either part of the solution or part of the problem. If I do not support the track our country is on, I believe I owe it to you to propose an alternative path. That's why I wrote and passed a budget titled: *The Path to Prosperity*. It shows how Congress can responsibly restrain spending, protect the benefits of current seniors and near term retirees, strengthen our safety net and promote growth and job creation.



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