

THINK BEFORE YOU CUT. VOTE **NO** ON S.J.RES.23

The balanced budget amendment will do more harm than good to America's health.

Capping spending at 18 percent of GDP through cuts in discretionary spending alone would require the elimination of all domestic programs and half of defense.

Such an unbalanced approach to deficit reduction would close the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**, which is the nation's leader in preventing disease, promoting health, and responding to health emergencies. **Without CDC...**

- Food-borne illnesses would go undetected, outbreaks would spread, and the national stockpile of antidotes would be abolished. We rely on CDC to be the first responder in a biological attack, environmental disaster, and epidemic.
- Chronic diseases—which account for 70 percent of all deaths and 75 percent of all Medicare spending—would cost even more lives and more money. We rely on CDC to prevent debilitating and costly illnesses.
- Immunizations that prevent 42,000 premature deaths and 20 million infections would be eliminated, leading to a resurgence of deadly illnesses. We rely on CDC to protect children from infectious diseases that used to claim many young lives.
- More than 54 million children and adults with disabilities would lose support that improves their quality of life. We rely on CDC to prevent birth defects and advance the health of people with disabilities.



Congress should balance the budget, but not at the expense of America's health.

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