

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Statement on Republicans' balanced budget amendment

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WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02) today released the following statement regarding the Balanced Budget Amendment that Republicans brought to the House Floor for a vote.

“Republicans have lost the right to claim fiscal responsibility after blowing a nearly \$2 trillion hole in the deficit just to give tax breaks to billionaires and corporations. Now they are suddenly trying to show that they care about the budget with a sham vote on the Balanced Budget Amendment that couldn’t even muster enough votes to pass.

“When Republicans are in charge, not only do they fight to kick 23 million Americans off their health care, give massive tax cuts to the wealthy and corporations, and provide kickbacks for oil and gas industries, they do it while exploding the deficit by nearly \$2 trillion. And before the ink was even dry on the GOP tax scam, Republicans immediately came after Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security to pay for it.

“American families will suffer under the cuts mandated by the Balanced Budget Amendment and Republicans should stop fighting for legislation that makes it harder for Americans to get ahead. Speaker Ryan, end the charade.”