U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Votes for historic spending cuts and commonsense reforms to crow economy

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today released the following statement after voting for the Fiscal Responsibility Act, a bill that would reduce the deficit by more than $2 trillion and implement commonsense reforms that help grow the economy and rein in government spending.

"In 2022, the American people gave Republicans control of the House of Representatives to pull the emergency brake on out-of-control progressive spending by the Biden administration. The Fiscal Responsibility Act not only pulls this brake by cutting spending and clawing back unspent COVID funds – including taxpayer dollars that otherwise would have gone to China – but also includes common-sense reforms that strengthen work requirements for welfare, restart student loan payments, cut red-tape by reforming the NEPA process for the first time in 40 years, and force Congress to do its job and actually pass appropriations bills.

"Admittedly, the bill does not fix the root cause of our debt crisis – mandatory spending and the outdated authorizing-appropriations committee divide. It also does not raise funding for the Department of Defense to the levels necessary to meet rising threats from the Chinese Communist Party and around the world. These fixes will require a Republican Senate and a Republican President with a vision for revitalizing our Republic. Until that day, Congress can address threats in the Indo-Pacific by cutting waste and repurposing the more than $25 billion that goes unspent by the Department of Defense each year towards long-range precision fires, attritable autonomous systems, and ships. This would allow us to rebuild our

arsenal of deterrence in the near-term and win the New Cold War in the long-term."