

The *Indianapolis Star's* lead editorial today decries the fiscal recklessness in Washington that threatens the very security of our nation:

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Our Opinion

### [Danger ahead as debt deepens](#)

A year ago the nation's economy crashed in part because of the banking and financial services industries' reckless business practices. Members of Congress were livid, and justifiably so, after irresponsible behavior at Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers and other Wall Street high fliers was exposed.

But the nation's bankers would seem to be models of good stewardship compared to standard operating procedures on Capitol Hill.

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As with Wall Street's out-of-control practices, the reckless spending that has defined the congressional leaders and presidents of both parties can't go on indefinitely without severe consequences.

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In other words, it's business as usual in Washington, even as alarms about the exploding deficit ring louder than ever.

This is, to be clear, a bipartisan problem. Republicans, when they controlled the White House and Congress, spent irresponsibly year after year. Now that Democrats are in charge, the drive to borrow and spend has only quickened.

The consequences of Wall Street's disregard for fiscal responsibility should have been, in hindsight, easy to forecast. Now millions of Americans are suffering the consequences of that disaster.

The warning signs are even clearer in Washington. Who will act before it's too late?

Congressman Pence called on President Obama to veto the Congressional spending bill that ignores the fiscal plight that the American people are facing and rather than practicing fiscal discipline, the bill *increases* federal spending by 12%: