**Supports H. Res. 516, calling for the importance of passing a federal budget**

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence voted today for H. Res. 516, a bill that expresses the importance of Congress passing a budget for this fiscal year. Pence's statement follows:

"Our nation is facing a fiscal crisis of unprecedented proportions. We have a national debt of more than $15 trillion and annual spending deficits in excess of $1 trillion. Right now, we borrow more than 40 cents for every dollar we spend. We have to change the way we spend the people's money. Both houses of Congress need to pass a responsible budget for this fiscal year and then live within its guidelines."

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