

Cooper-LaTourette Budget Amendment

Cooper-LaTourette is modeled after the recommendations of the Simpson-Bowles fiscal commission and is currently the only bipartisan plan in Congress.

Publications Across the Country Editorialize in Support (March-April 2012)

USA Today praises the "brave 38" who voted for the bipartisan budget as a "tiny band" of heroes who had the "courage to do the right thing."

The Simpson-Bowles budget proposal "would actually work." - *The Tennessean*

Cooper-LaTourette budget is an "eminently sensible approach" - *New York Times*

The "only bipartisan budget resolution to reach the floor in more than a decade." - *The Chicago Tribune*

"Simpson-Bowles is still the top bipartisan budget deal out there – and Congress may need it when it faces a showdown in December" - *The Christian Science Monitor*

Praise to House moderates for standing up for fiscal sanity and offers supporters a "red badge for courage."
- *Dallas Morning News*

The "sensible debt-reduction plan" - *New York Daily News*

A "thoughtful, pragmatic proposal" for what "ails the country's national budget."
- *The Statesman's Journal* from Salem, Oregon

A "budget worth backing." - *The Orlando-News Sentinel*

"A plausible, passable, bipartisan plan to bring the deficit under control" - *The Sentinel and Enterprise*

"Simpson-Bowles forthrightly faces reality" – *The Anniston Star*

"The lone legitimate compromise being offered." - *The Spokesman Review*

"Progress over politics." - *The Wisconsin State Journal*

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Accolades from National Organizations and Fiscal Leaders

National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility

Cooper and LaTourette "have put partisanship aside and stepped forward to make the tough decisions our nation needs to put our fiscal house in order. They are brave leaders who deserve the thanks of everyone who cares about our nation's future."

- *Erskine Bowles and former Sen. Alan Simpson, co-chairs*

Bipartisan Policy Center

The "first truly bipartisan" and "most comprehensive congressional budget..."

"The courage of the members who are supporting the Cooper-LaTourette budget shows that a vital middle can exist in Congress, despite the deeply polarized ideological atmosphere of the recent past ..."

- *Former U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and Dr. Alice Rivlin, co-chairs of the BPC's Debt Reduction Task Force*

Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget

"These courageous lawmakers have shown that debt reduction need not be a partisan and divisive issue, and that we can put the national interest above all else. It is truly a breath of fresh air to see these leaders working together on a bipartisan solution - one that makes the tough choices to set the country on the right path."

- *Maya MacGuineas, President*

Concord Coalition

"This budget amendment is a major breakthrough" and "puts results ahead of ideological purity"

-*Robert Bixby, Executive Director*

Peter G. Peterson Foundation

"Reps. Cooper and LaTourette have displayed courage and leadership by putting party ideology aside and working together to foster a bipartisan approach to our long-term fiscal challenges."

This budget amendment is "a constructive model of the type of bipartisan legislative framework that is necessary to solve our nation's fiscal challenges."

-*Michael A. Peterson, Vice Chairman*

Taxpayers for Common Sense

"Simpson-Bowles ... revealed that even in the hyper-partisan budget resolution debate, there were members of both parties willing to come together to figure out a way forward out of our fiscal mess. These votes showed courage and leadership."

-*Stephen Ellis, Vice President*

Comeback America Initiative

The poor support for the LaTourette/Cooper Budget plan is disappointing. We The People need to hold politicians accountable in November.

- *David Walker, President and CEO of The Peter G. Peterson Foundation and Former United States Comptroller General*

Coalition for a Fiscally Sound America

We need more leaders like Cooper, LaTourette, Simpson and Bowles with the courage to set aside political affiliations for the betterment of America and its future.