

Involves constituents in budget decision-making process

Albert Lea, MN— Today, southern Minnesotans joined Rep. Tim Walz at a town hall on the federal deficit in Albert Lea. The town hall was fully interactive and offered attendees the ability to decide how to balance the budget and reduce the deficit.

“Serious conversations about how to reduce spending and create a secure fiscal future for all Americans are happening across the country,” said Walz. **“It was important to me to get feedback from southern Minnesotans on how we can work together to balance the budget and ensure more people can achieve the American Dream in years to come. I am grateful to everyone who participated today, I will take their thoughts, concerns and ideas back with me to Washington.”**

Walz organized a conversation and workshop on the federal budget to get valuable insight from southern Minnesotans. The Concord Coalition, a non-partisan organization dedicated to organizing and educating Americans about the budget challenges we face, was on hand to participate in the conversation as well.

Walz said any plan to reduce the deficit must do so in a smart, responsible way that doesn't harm our economy. Walz has said he believes we need a balanced approach to reducing the deficit that includes smart, targeted cuts; proposals to make the way government operates more efficient; and tax reform that closes loopholes and brings fairness for middle class Minnesotans.

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