

# The Moment of Truth Project

*The era of deficit denial is over.*

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## **Bowles, Simpson offer support for Blue Dog benchmarks for reform**

Moment of Truth co-chairs Erskine Bowles and Sen. Alan Simpson offer their support for the principles for deficit reduction released today by the Blue Dog Coalition.

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Blue Dog Coalition in the House of Representatives released its [benchmarks for fiscal reform](#). Fiscal Commission and Moment of Truth project co-chairs Erskine Bowles and Senator Alan Simpson offered the following joint statement in praise of the release:

“We are so very encouraged to see the Blue Dogs get out in front of this issue by putting forward a very serious set of principles on how to attack this debt and deficit problem, and indicating their willingness to reach out to both sides of the aisle to start having a really honest conversation about the long term fiscal health of the country. The Blue Dogs have a long history of building coalitions across party lines, and being at the center of significant bipartisan reforms – and thus again with their leadership on this issue, the prospects for reform surely became a great deal brighter.

Whatever a final plan may look like, it is our belief that if it follows the principles of reform laid out today by the Blue Dogs, it will be of the scope and magnitude necessary to meaningfully address our nation’s fiscal challenges. No plan is perfect, but any plan that follows the guidelines put forward by the Blue Dogs will significantly improve our nation’s fiscal future, in the near-, medium-, and long-term.

It is refreshing to us to see a group on Capitol Hill have the courage and vision to place the national interest ahead of the special interests.”

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*The Moment of Truth project is a non-profit, non-partisan effort which seeks to foster honest discussion about the nation’s fiscal challenges, the difficult choices that must be made to solve them, and the potential for bipartisan compromise that can move the debate forward and set our country on a sustainable path.*