

WASHINGTON (1 February) – U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Fla.), representing Florida's 9th Congressional District, today issued the following statement after the release of the White House's record \$3.8 trillion FY2011 budget proposal:

"I have been encouraged by President Obama's recent calls for fiscal responsibility, but unfortunately the budget numbers presented today don't match the rhetoric.

"Under President Obama's new budget, the deficit soars to a record \$1.56 trillion and puts the nation on a course to more than double the national debt held by future generations. The proposal is more of the same out-of-control deficit spending and higher taxes that we have seen from this Administration over the past year.

"While I recognize that the burden of fiscal responsibility falls on the shoulders of both parties, the answer isn't to combat spending and deficits with even greater spending and increased debt. The President is correct that we need to get Washington's fiscal house in order to achieve sustainable economic growth, but this budget's trajectory is simply unsustainable and doesn't put us on a path to achieve that goal."

View the President's FY2011 Budget of the U.S. Government at <http://www.budget.gov> .