Problem Solvers Caucus Appropriations Framework

Goals:

- 1. Avoid a government shutdown.
- 2. By 9/30/23, pass a continuing resolution through 1/11/24.
- 3. Include supplemental funding for Ukraine with transparency and disaster relief.
- 4. Include bipartisan border solution with enforcement through 12/31/24.
- 5. Pass FY24 regular appropriations by 1/11/24.
- 6. Implement long-term appropriations, debt and deficit reforms.

Step 1: Pass a FY23 Supplemental/FY24 Continuing Resolution by September 30th to avoid a government shutdown, provide targeted supplemental support and allow time to complete FY24 appropriations by January 2024.

- a) Pass a FY23 supplemental/FY24 CR by September 30th.
- b) Include President's funding request for Ukraine with transparency and federal disaster response.
- c) Include border security solution with enforcement through 12/31/24.
- d) Minimize additional provisions in supp/CR.
- e) CR to extend to 1/11/24 to allow for completion of FY24 regular order appropriations.

Step 2: Pass FY 2024 full year appropriations

a) Before 1/11/24, pass a FY24 appropriations package that adheres to the parameters and funding levels agreed upon in the Fiscal Responsibility Act (avoid automatic reductions).

Step 3: Adopt appropriations process reforms to increase process transparency, restore regular order and prevent excessive use of CRs.

Adopt bipartisan budget process reform recommendations of the House Committee on Modernization and Joint Select Committee on Budget and Appropriations Process Reform, including:

- a) Regular order for budget and appropriations process.
- b) Comptroller General must issue an annual report on the fiscal state of the nation.
- c) President must submit a mid-year report on the nation's budget.

Step 4: Implement mechanisms to address the long-term debt and deficit.

- a) Create a Fiscal Commission to review and recommend a package to stabilize long-term deficits and debt.
- b) Require CBO to consider the cost of servicing the debt in its estimations.