Two Distinguished Panels on

The Challenge of Pro-Growth Tax Reform

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PANEL ONE

Featuring:
Lawrence H. Summers
Former Director of the U.S. National Economic Council,
Former U.S. Secretary of Treasury

Dr. Martin Feldstein
Former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers,
Former President of the National Bureau of Economic Research

PANEL TWO

Featuring:
David M. Cote
Chairman and CEO, Honeywell

Alfred P. West
Chairman, American Business Conference;
CEO, SEI

Navin Thukkaram
COO, Qwiki, Inc.

Strengthening of America Co-chairs
Former Senator Sam Nunn (D-GA)
Former Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM)
Former Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH)
Former Senator Evan Bayh (D-IN)
ABOUT STRENGTHENING OF AMERICA—OUR CHILDREN’S FUTURE

Former U.S. Senators Sam Nunn (D-GA), Pete Domenici (R-NM), Warren Rudman (R-NH), and Evan Bayh (D-IN) have convened a bipartisan group of former senators and representatives to come together for four forums between now and the first presidential debate to raise public consciousness of the country’s growing and unsustainable debt. They are calling their effort, Strengthening of America—Our Children’s Future.

“We believe that while the worst effects of the national debt are probably long term, there is an urgency to this issue that no longer allows us to kick the can down the road,” said the four former senators in a joint statement. “Neither party seems willing to address this issue with either common sense or simple arithmetic. There are current members of both parties, however, who understand the stakes and who are willing to work together by putting the country first. We hope to support, strengthen, and help add to that group.”

Each of the four forums will resemble a congressional hearing, with high-level former U.S. government officials providing remarks before a panel of former elected representatives. The effort is a joint project of The Concord Coalition, The Bipartisan Policy Center, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), the American Business Conference, the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University, the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Our third session convenes today and will look at the challenge of pro-growth tax reform. Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Lawrence Summers and former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers Martin Feldstein will discuss this complex set of issues as well as a second panel of private sector executives featuring Honeywell CEO David Cote, SEI CEO Alfred West and Qwiki COO Navin Thukkaram. Our final session next week will focus on the imperative of entitlement reform and health care cost control.
The Steering Committee for Strengthening of America includes the following former members of Congress:

Howard Baker (R-TN)          Judd Gregg (R-NH)
Bob Bennett (R-UT)            Chuck Hagel (R-NE)
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Mike Castle (R-DE)            David McCurdy (D-OK)
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Bob Graham (D-FL)             Tim Wirth (D-CO)
William Gray (D-PA)           

“Too many people assume it is impossible for Republicans and Democrats to work together,” said Senators Nunn, Domenici, Rudman, and Bayh in their joint statement. “Our experience tells us that it is not only possible—it is absolutely essential. While we are not naïve about the unlikely prospect of any agreement until after the election, there are plans currently on the table—like Simpson/Bowles and Domenici/Rivlin—that are bipartisan, that put everything on the table, and that provide a useful starting point for debate and agreement. We need to focus attention on this vital issue today to preserve our children’s future tomorrow.”
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