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**Back and Forth on the Spending Limit Amendment** [Rep. Jeb Hensarling]

Ramesh: With regard to the link you posted to an article critical of the Spending Limit Amendment, please allow me to offer this article in rebuttal.

Alan Reynolds, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, and Benjamin Zycher, a senior fellow at the Pacific Research Institute, make the important point that "the Constitution is intended to constrain majorities generally, and the federal government in particular." As Mike Pence and I pointed out at our news conference when we introduced the Spending Limit Amendment, it is important to the future of our country to have the debate about whether a federal government with the unlimited power to spend (and, I might add, to borrow and tax) is consistent with the Founders' vision. We certainly don't shrink from that effort simply because passing the SLA might be hard work.

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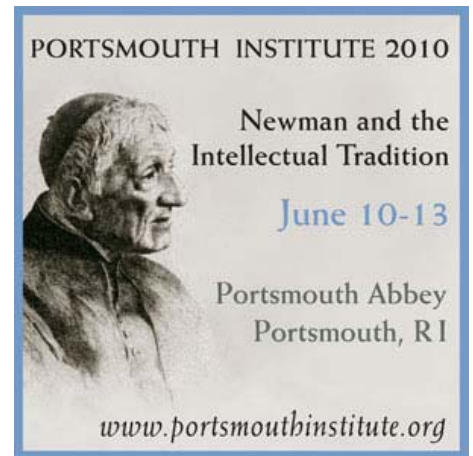
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