

**Washington D.C.** – Congressman Kevin McCarthy appeared on "Fox News Sunday" with host Bret Baier:

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### **On House Republicans' Leadership:**

"Well, first, let's think about this. You are asking if this bill is what the Democrats wanted. The Democrats wanted tax increases, and a debt limit increase – that's what the Democrats signed off on. Instead of spending trillions, we're now cutting trillions. Speaker Boehner has been the leader on changing Washington. First and foremost now we're cutting, before we were spending. The President to me has been somewhat -- look, you cannot be the leader of the free world and sit on the sidelines and tweet and think you are going to get the job done. House Republicans have been out front, negotiating, talking, but we have laid out clear set of principles we are going to bring accountability back and change the way Washington works.

"Harry Reid hasn't produced a budget in two years, any type of bill regarding the debt ceiling off the floor. You know what Speaker Boehner has done? House Republicans produced a budget in four months that changes the direction, and also moved two bipartisan bills off the floor of Congress that cut the spending, did not raise taxes, and made sure that this country would be able to have resources to continue forward. That is a fundamental difference. I would compare that to any other leader and I think only one has stood out."

### **On the House Republican Support for a Balanced Budget Amendment:**

"I believe in this country. I believe this country is worth fighting for. If sixteen years ago, we had that one more vote, we wouldn't be in this problem today. So, yes, we're looking at how to solve the problem right now, but we're also looking to the future for our children. We think the best days are still in front of us and we realize forty-nine states either have a balanced budget amendment or statute. This country should have it as well. We listen to the American people,

and the American people support the idea of a balanced budget. We're going to continue to fight for it. In the end, we will win."

### **On Changing The Direction In Washington:**

"Remember how far we've come. Three months ago this President laid out he wanted a debt ceiling with no cuts whatsoever. A short time ago, he just wanted more \$1 trillion stimulus. Now we're talking something much different. Mainly cuts in spending before you get to raising the debt ceiling. The idea of no tax increases that the President wanted. So, it's moving in the right direction."