

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) today issued the following statement after supporting the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Resolution, which passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives:

“The country’s budget is out-of-balance, and we must get it back on track not only for our economy today, but for the generations coming after us,” Wittman said. “This plan isn’t perfect, but this budget addresses tough issues and makes tough choices. This budget preserves Medicare for seniors, making no changes for seniors currently in the program or near retirement age. It allows seniors a choice of keeping traditional Medicare. Medicare as we know it cannot be sustained. We must reform it to work into the future and this budget puts it on a sustainable path for future generations.

“Secondly, I believe strongly that we must avoid “sequestration” cuts to our military and this bill eliminates that threat. These automatic cuts to the defense budget coming in 2013 are the result of a failure by the “Super Committee” to carry out their charge to find savings across all areas of the budget last fall. Their failure must not be our defeat. Defense has already been cut to the point where our military leaders have said further cuts would be “catastrophic,” and we cannot solve our budget issues on the backs of our men and women in uniform.

“While I voted for this budget, I have deep concerns with the provisions affecting our federal employees. We cannot solve budget issues on the backs of the civilian federal workforce. I will continue to stress the importance of the federal workforce. I strongly believe we must fairly and equitably look at all areas of the budget for cost-savings, not just our federal employees or the military.”

Today the House approved the FY 2013 Budget Resolution (H.Con.Res. 112) which cuts \$5 trillion in government spending and reduces deficits by \$3 trillion over the next decade compared to the President’s budget.

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He serves on the House Natural Resources Committee and the House Armed Services Committee where he is the Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.