

HOST A PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES BUDGET EXERCISE IN YOUR DISTRICT



HELP YOUR COMMUNITY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE AND COMPLEXITIES OF BALANCING THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Imagine a district meeting where constituents come together to solve problems and tackle some of our toughest challenges. It's closer than you think! The Concord Coalition has brought this experience to Congressional districts across the country.

Principles and Priorities

- ✓ Builds understanding of key issues facing the budget
- ✓ Engages constituents in conversations around solutions to long-term challenges
- ✓ Encourages bipartisan discussion and compromise

HOW IT WORKS

Partnering with Members of Congress, we lead a 90-minute interactive budget exercise, Principles and Priorities. Working in groups of five to ten, participants review current spending and revenue levels and discuss policies that will impact the Congressional Budget Office's ten year projected federal budget deficit.

Each group makes recommendations for their budget, weighing the policy impact, economic consequences, and the political implications. Then, we facilitate a wrap-up discussion of the results and the opportunity for participants to describe their choices.

PROVEN RESULTS

Members of Congress and constituents alike have talked about how positive and impactful these workshops are. They also tend to generate positive media coverage in local outlets.

"Tonight's workshop showed that even in a small community, folks have different and diverse sets of priorities. Talking with one another in a constructive, thoughtful manner helps us understand one another and come to a consensus on the issues that matter most to each of us."

– Rep. Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. (D-GA-02)



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" Given our alarming deficits and debt, Washington must address the nation's priorities. This event gives local taxpayers an inside look at the budget and let them use their spending priorities to create a model federal budget."

– Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12)

LEARN MORE

Contact us today to discuss how we can bring this impactful exercise to your community:

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You can also find the full exercise on our website at:

<https://www.concordcoalition.org/resources/principles-priorities/>