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Subject: Follow Up- Next call

Thanks everyone for your energy, ideas and willingness to work together in partnership for the RBC. Mark your calendars for the next **Southern Illinois RBC Conference Call is scheduled for Thursday morning, September 16th at 9:30 am.**

The call in number is 1-877-366-0711 and the password is 59737873#

To summarize today's call:

The role of committee will be to develop and implement a regional plan that

- 1) increases the number of individuals and groups that sign on to the RBC Call to action with special emphasis on the target groups identified by the RBC Steering Committee
- 2) increases the opportunities for educating the public about the RBC and the need for revenue with a goal of increasing the will of the public for a long term sustainable solution to the state's budget crisis
- 3) develops a strong network of leaders who can be a local "ready response team" for the RBC when needed – make sure we have a team in every legislative district/ media market
- 4) identifies other "behind the scenes" partners and resources to help in our work
- 5) identifies other individuals/ groups to serve on the regional committee

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Next steps:

- 1) Using the template provided by the Steering Committee of the RBC, identify target organizations, groups and individuals to sign on to the RBC Call to action
 - A web based working document will be placed on google docs where we can keep a comprehensive "live" documentation of our contacts/ endorsers
 - Emphasized importance of adding local affiliates to group of endorsers- bringing it closer to home to members of our communities / stronger identity
- 2) Make contacts between now and September 16th – invite others to join in call on the 16th
- 3) Make list of resources/ tools/ information we need from communication committee

I have attached some RBC materials recently sent to me from the communications committee.

Have a great day and enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead.

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Responsible Budget Coalition

Call to Action

The **RESPONSIBLE BUDGET COALITION** is committed to building the support needed to solve Illinois' budget crisis by raising adequate revenue to prevent harmful cuts to essential services and jobs in the public and private sectors.

- ✓ We believe Illinois has a moral and legal obligation to protect public safety and health, strengthen our economy, and ensure that every individual has the opportunity to thrive. But by forcing deep and damaging cuts to education, health care, human services and public safety, the current Illinois budget fails to meet those core obligations and undermines our state's chances for economic recovery.
- ✓ In addition, the state's failure to pay its bills in a timely manner has driven its bond rating lower while forcing creditors—including school districts and universities, medical and human services providers, public employees, small businesses and other vendors—to effectively lend the state government billions of dollars.
- ✓ Painful cuts have already been made, substantially reducing general state spending. Despite these cuts and a series of one-time revenue measures, the state continues to run a dramatic and unsustainable deficit.
- ✓ We call on every Illinois elected official and candidate to acknowledge that this fiscal crisis—brought on by the state's long-standing structural budget deficit and a national economic downturn—demands a balanced approach that includes significant new revenue.
- ✓ To protect vital services and jobs and enable economic recovery, at least 32 other states already have raised new revenues in the past year. Illinois must do the same. For the well being of our communities, for economic stability and for our children's futures, we urge Illinois leaders to demonstrate responsible leadership and raise adequate revenue as soon as possible.

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- Yes! I / my organization (*circle one*) will answer the **RESPONSIBLE BUDGET COALITION's** Call to Action. I/we may be listed in support of the Coalition's principles set forth above.

Name of Organization: _____

Describe your organization (check one):

Individual _____ Business _____ Organization _____ Foundation _____ Other (Specify): _____

Is your organization (check one): Statewide _____ Local _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Agency/Org. Web site: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Signature: _____