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## **“Contract *from* America” Applauds GOP’s Initiative to Listen to the American People During Pivotal Election Year**

Tomorrow, House Republicans are launching a new initiative to “engage Americans across the country and give them a voice in creating a new agenda for Congress.” Called, “America Speaking Out,” the effort is led by Chief Deputy Whip, Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

Following the lead of the **Contract *from* America**, the GOP’s initiative seems to acknowledge the fundamental relationship between the American people and their representatives; a relationship founded on the notion that representatives are elected by the American people to advance the people’s priorities, not their own. In launching *America Speaking Out*, the GOP will retrace the steps made by the **Contract *from* America** during the last eight months in asking the American people for their input in developing a new policy agenda.

Ryan Hecker, founder of the **Contract *from* America** initiative said, “I think it is great that House Republicans are listening to the people and borrowing from the tea party movement and the **Contract *from* America** project”

During this pivotal 2010 election cycle, millions of grassroots Tea Party activists will be closely watching this initiative. To gain the support of grassroots activists, the Tea Party movement, and the American public, the GOP needs to embrace a genuine effort to *listen* to the American people and advance those priorities over the destructive and self-serving tendencies of Washington insiders.

“The **Contract *from* America** is not an exclusive set of public policy proposals, and I hope that Republican members of Congress express their willingness to listen to the people and sign the **Contract *from* America**, which was created and vetted by nearly one half-million people,” Hecker noted.



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The **Contract *from* America** is proud to join with Tea Party activists across the country to continue a constructive dialogue with leaders who promise to listen and support the principles of fiscal responsibility, constitutionally-limited government, and free markets.

More information about each plank, including its full description and the name of the activist who first proposed it, is available at the Contract from America's website, [www.contractfromamerica.org](http://www.contractfromamerica.org).

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