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## Alice Rivlin and Pete Domenici Join *Fix the Debt* Steering Committee

### *Bipartisan Debt Heavyweights Lend Additional Strength and Momentum to Growing Campaign*

October 23, 2012 (Washington): Former Republican Senator Pete Domenici and former Director of the Office of Management and Budget Alice Rivlin, both of whom are among the nation's strongest and most respected advocates for deficit reduction, have joined the *Campaign to Fix the Debt* Steering Committee.

As co-chairs of the Bipartisan Policy Center's Debt Reduction Task Force, Domenici and Rivlin have been squarely in the center of the debate over how to address America's out-of-control national debt. As Senate Budget Committee Chairman, Domenici authored two consecutive balanced budgets, the first in the U.S. in 50 years, and established a reputation for bipartisan cooperation. Rivlin was the founding director of the Congressional Budget Office and served on the White House Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which was led by *Campaign* founders Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles.

"I am honored to be joining so many respected and principled people on the *Campaign to Fix the Debt* Steering Committee," said Domenici. "Addressing the debt now will improve the climate for hiring and business investment, while also decreasing the tab we owe to countries like China. Our chances of success are increased because of the passion and energy of business leaders, former public officials, fiscal policy experts, and average citizens who are supporting the *Campaign*."

The *Campaign* Steering Committee is led by Co-Chairs Judd Gregg, former Republican Senator from New Hampshire, and Ed Rendell, former Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania. Other members include former Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen, Honeywell CEO David Cote, former Democratic Congressman Vic Fazio, former Republican Congressman Jim McCrery, former Democratic Senator Sam Nunn, Peter G. Peterson Foundation President Michael Peterson, financier and former Obama Administration official Steve Rattner, and former World Bank President Robert Zoellick. The *Campaign* has raised more than \$25 million to increase public awareness about the debt and to mobilize voters to urge policymakers to reach a comprehensive deal on the debt. More than 285,000 citizens have signed the *Fix the Debt* petition at FixTheDebt.org.

“The *Campaign to Fix the Debt* is just what has been missing in the debt debate: a broad citizen movement that is pushing policymakers to reach a responsible deal that is big enough to get the job done,” said Rivlin. “If we hope to strengthen our economy and pass on a brighter future to our children and grandchildren, we simply must deal with this issue with an approach based on compromise, where everything is on the table.”

### **The Campaign to Fix the Debt**

The *Campaign to Fix the Debt* is a non-partisan movement to put America on a better fiscal and economic path. We come together from a variety of social, economic and political perspectives, around the common belief that America's growing federal debt threatens our future and that we must address it. The *Campaign* will mobilize key communities - including leaders from business, government, and policy - and people all across America who want to see elected officials step up to solve our nation's fiscal challenges.

For more information on *this issue* please visit [www.fixthedebt.org](http://www.fixthedebt.org) and [www.bipartisanpolicy.org](http://www.bipartisanpolicy.org)