Discuss Solutions to Cut Spending; Tackle Debt

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Vern Buchanan (FL-13), and House Republicans, met with President Obama at the White House today to discuss ways to cut spending and reduce the massive federal debt. Buchanan said he was encouraged to hear the President pledge to work with both parties to develop a bipartisan agreement that can win congressional approval and be signed into law addressing the nation's growing debt crisis.

"For too long, Republicans and Democrats in Washington have turned a blind eye to our country's financial woes," said Buchanan. "Doing nothing and repeating the mistakes of the past defies common sense if we're ever to remove the burden of debt that weighs so heavily upon us and future generations. I appreciate the President's willingness to keep the lines of communication open as we work to restore financial responsibility to Washington."

Appearing yesterday on MSNBC's "Morning Joe," Buchanan renewed his call for a constitutional balanced budget amendment. "The reckless pattern of borrowing and spending has put our country on a road to bankruptcy," said Buchanan. "A balanced budget amendment would force lawmakers to take a hard look at the programs they are funding and hold federal agencies and themselves accountable."