WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott (VA-03), a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee, sent the following letter to his House colleagues urging them to oppose H. J. Res. 1, the so-called Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution.

Below is the full text of Congressman Scott's letter and his factsheet on the Balanced Budget Amendment:

July 14, 2011

Don't Get Tricked By the Title!
Oppose H. J. Res. 1 - The Balanced Budget Amendment

Dear Colleague:

Next week, the House is expected to consider H. J. Res. 1, the so-called Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. I implore you to please read the provisions of the amendment and don't get tricked by the title.

The discussion about this proposed amendment to the Constitution has totally been about the title of the amendment and not about its provisions. Incredibly, the provisions of this amendment do not require a balanced budget and actually will make it more difficult for future Congresses to balance the budget. Furthermore, the amendment jeopardizes Medicare and Social Security by allowing cuts in these programs with a simple majority while requiring a two-thirds vote to save these programs with new taxes.

I encourage you to review the **attached fact sheet** on the provisions of H. J. Res. 1 before you

decide how to vote on this proposed amendment to our Constitution.

Sincerely,

/S/

ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT
Member of Congress

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