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**National Debt Tour Hits New York City –
Bloomberg, Simpson and Bowles Push for Comprehensive Fiscal Deal at WSJ Forum**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The next stop on the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget’s (CRFB) “National Debt Tour” will be in **New York City tomorrow, March 29**, as Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson, Co-Chairs of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, join New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg for the Wall Street Journal’s Viewpoints Executive Breakfast Series.

“We’re thrilled to have Mayor Bloomberg, Senator Simpson and Mr. Bowles participating in this serious, in-depth dialogue on U.S. fiscal issues,” said Maya MacGuineas, CRFB president, which coordinated the event as part of its National Debt Tour. “As the Mayor of the world’s financial center and Co-Chairs of the Simpson-Bowles Commission they have invaluable insight into how our nation’s debt will impact the economy in the coming years. In addition, they have been some of the leading voices on the type of comprehensive and bipartisan policy solutions needed to reduce our massive fiscal imbalance and put the country back on a sustainable path.”

CRFB will be sponsoring similar bipartisan panels of elected officials, CEOs and thought leaders in cities across the country over the next few months. Planned stops include Dallas, Minneapolis, Nashville, Seattle, Denver and Boise, among other locations. The tour kicked off last month in Boston, with an event including Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), former Representative Vin Weber (R-MN), and Dave Cote, a former member of the Simpson-Bowles Commission and Chairman and CEO of Honeywell International.

Tomorrow’s breakfast panel, moderated by WSJ Deputy Managing Editor Alan Murray, is by invitation-only, but interested media outlets may register by contacting wsj@cgcomgroup.com. Select video footage of the discussion will be posted at www.wsj.com on Thursday afternoon, and at www.wsj.com/viewpoints within 48 hours of the event’s conclusion.

About the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget:

The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (www.crfb.org) is a bipartisan, non-profit organization committed to educating the public about issues that have significant fiscal policy impact. The Committee is made up of some of the nation’s leading budget experts including many of the past Chairmen and Directors of the Budget Committees, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of Management and Budget, the Government Accountability Office, and the Federal Reserve Board. The Committee runs a number of on-going projects, most recently The Moment of Truth Project (www.momentoftruthproject.org) and the “Go Big” initiative (www.crfb.org/go-big), both of which were established to urge Americans and leaders in Washington that significant fiscal reform and deficit reduction is needed.