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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Federal budget is one of the most important documents that Congress must deal with each year. Either directly or indirectly it has a great affect on every citizen. A common misconception is that the President has been slashing away at the fiscal 1974 budget. In reality, Nixon has proposed a \$19 billion increase over last year -- one of the largest single year increases in the peace-time history of the United States. Almost one half of the Federal budget, about \$125 billion, is earmarked for human resource programs. This includes spending for social security, research in the areas of cancer and drug abuse, increased assistance to the elderly, the poor, and sick, and for education for community development -- both rural and urban.

Less than one third of the proposed budget goes for national defense spending. Under our present system, the Federal government is the only level of government which budgets funds for national defense. Human resources such as health, education, housing, social security, and transportation, are getting nearly half of the government's expenditures. The Nixon Administration has been responsible for the reduction of defense spending from 45 per cent of the federal budget and only 32 per cent for human resources in 1968 to 45 per cent for human resources and only 32 per cent for defense in 1973.

In line with this change in priorities, we must also try to bring expenditures in line with revenues. The answer to the problem is not to pour more money into the Federal

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government and assume that this will rid the country of its problems. The answer is to stop pouring money into federal programs that don't work and to give the people a chance to solve their own problems. The key to getting the full value from present federal programs is to eliminate waste -- whether it be from duplication, inefficiency, or inflation brought on by overspending -- on defense, human resources, or elsewhere.

I am in agreement with the philosophy of government that says Washington has become too big and too powerful and at times has overlooked the real needs of the people. The time has come to reverse the legacy of the last 40 years that has resulted in a one-way flow of power to Washington and away from the people and the institutions closest to them and their problems.