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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Dan Lipinski voted today against the Republican budget proposal, H.Con.Res 376. The resolution, which passed early Thursday morning in an overnight legislative session, makes cuts to vital services while increasing the national debt.

The bill passed by a vote of 218 to 210, without a single Democratic vote.

"By cutting critical domestic programs such as education, health, environmental protection, and veterans' services, this budget reveals misplaced priorities," said Lipinski, noting that the vote came only days after the Congress had voted to extend tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

While reducing funds for domestic discretionary programs, the budget resolution nonetheless would increase the national debt by continuing large annual budget deficits. Over five years, the budget calls for deficits totaling \$1.1 trillion.

"This budget continues massive deficit spending, includes damaging budget cuts, and is fiscally irresponsible," Lipinski said. "We need to do better for our students, our veterans, and our families. For these reasons and more, I voted against this proposed budget."Congressman Lipinski Votes Against Republican Budget Proposal