

As Congress considers how to get the nation's fiscal house in order, Rep. Peter Welch will host a statewide telephone town hall meeting Tuesday night to seek input from Vermonters about how to cut the deficit.

Joining Welch for the call will be former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker, who led the Government Accountability Office from 1998 until 2008. A respected, national leader on responsible budgeting, Walker launched the nationwide "Fiscal Wake-up Tour" in 2005 and has since led the Peterson Foundation and recently founded the Comeback America Initiative.

Following brief remarks by Welch and Walker, Vermonters taking part in the telephone town hall meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions of the two and suggest their ideas for tackling the growing deficit. Welch will continue to seek input from Vermonters as the debate progresses.

To join the call, dial (toll-free) 877-269-7289 and enter PIN code 13785.

**WHAT:** Deficit Reduction Telephone Town Hall

**WHO:** Rep. Peter Welch & Former Comptroller General David Walker

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 7, 2010 – 7 p.m.

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