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Can We Avoid a Debt Crisis in a Partisan Political World?

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Dr. Alice Rivlin is a Visiting Professor at the Public Policy Institute of Georgetown University and a Senior Fellow in the Economic Studies program at the Brookings Institution. Ms. Rivlin has served as vice chair of the Federal Reserve Board; director and deputy director of the White House Office of Management and Budget; chair of the District of Columbia Financial Management Assistance Authority; was founding Director of the Congressional Budget Office; and director of the Economic Studies Program at Brookings. A MacArthur Foundation Fellow, Ms. Rivlin has also taught at Harvard, George Mason, and New School Universities, and served as President of the American Economic Association. She received a B.A. in economics from Bryn Mawr College and her Ph.D. in economics from Radcliffe College (Harvard University).

America faces two urgent economic imperatives—increasing jobs and restraining our growing public debt. We don't have a choice; we must do both and get the timing right. Ms. Rivlin will talk about the dangers of inaction and the impact a debt crisis could have on American jobs, incomes, and world influence. She will focus on the challenges of reaching political agreement in the current extremely partisan political atmosphere. She will draw on her experience of serving on two bipartisan budget commissions in the past year and discuss the chances for enactment of their recommendations.

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