

GOP contingent fights to rein in spending

Reading the News' Jan. 7 editorial, "Look who are big spenders now," on congressional spending, you would never know there are fiscally responsible Republicans taking disciplined stands to limit abusive spending in Washington.

Although the increases in government spending over the past few years are well-documented, there are some very glaring exceptions to the News' blanket statements. This is particularly true with Colorado's representation, namely Rep. Tom Tancredo and myself.

The editorial makes no mention of our opposition to some of President Bush's spending priorities, such as the Medicare bill, which is the largest expansion of government entitlements in over 40 years.

In addition, Tancredo and I, as well as Rep. Joel Hefley, each voted against the year-end \$820 billion spending bill that was bloated with tens of thousands of pork projects. The News, however, sheds no light on such efforts at fiscal restraint.

Regrettably, there are some members of Congress with an insatiable appetite to spend. Yet, Colorado should be proud of their Republican representatives. We have always fought, and will continue to fight, for

smaller government that is fiscally responsible.

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